

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting for Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Location: Zoom

Attending: Maria McCauley, Michael Baenen, Jim Roosevelt, Liz Werby, Risa Mednick, Brooke Moncrieff, and Carson McGrath

1. **Public Comment:** None

2. **New CPL Website Demo with Brooke Moncrieff**

Brooke Moncrieff, Manager of Innovation and Technology, gave a demo of the new Cambridge Public Library website to the Trustees. The new website is a collaboration between Library staff and the City IT Web Development team. Brooke indicated the new look and feel of the website, as well as the updated underlying technical platform. She told the group the Library has done a lot of user testing for input on the new site's accessibility and view on multiple different devices. Brooke walked the group through key parts of the new website, including the virtual monthly newsletter, rotating visual booklists updated by staff, the Director's update, and programs and events. She ran through the various menu selections, including Services, I want To, and Initiatives. Each of these menu options bring viewers to pages that include the Library's senior or social services, information on getting a museum pass, or updates on STEAM. Brooke finished the demonstration by answering the Trustees' questions on various aspects of the website's functionality.

3. **Approval of Minutes from the Tuesday April 9 meeting**

Trustee Chair Jim Roosevelt opened the floor for questions or comments on the April minutes. The Trustees had no changes. The Chair approved the minutes.

4. **Library Updates by Maria McCauley**

Director McCauley provided updates on the Library's budget, recent staff member recognitions and awards, and hiring and promotion updates. She expressed congratulations to Archivist Alyssa Pacy for winning a 2024 Outstanding Employee Award. Director McCauley said she attended a roundtable meeting of the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee to discuss the Digital Navigators Pilot Program and how this initiative will support residents' digital needs. Cambridge Public Library's new Librarian for Older Adults, Brynee Quinlan had a Meet and Greet with patrons on May 8 to hear from the older adult community. Director McCauley then detailed a few facilities

updates, including construction being underway in the Lewis Room at the Central Square Branch, the Collins Envelope Repair Project went out for bid, and the Valente Security Upgrade Project was completed.

Director McCauley answered a few questions from the Trustees. Trustee Liz Werby asked if there was any updates on the Central Square Lots study in relation to the Library.

Director McCauley said there were no updates to share at this time. Trustee Michael Baenen asked if the vacant Social Worker position had been filled yet. Director McCauley said the Library is in the process of hiring a new staff member to fill the role.

Chairperson Jim Roosevelt moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Trustee Werby and Trustee Baenen. The meeting adjourned.