**River Grove Public Library District**

**Special Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 27, 2023**

**Special Board Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**President Conway called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll:

Mr. McManus Absent

Ms. Angelico Present

Mr. Prokop Absent

Ms. Carvajal Absent

Ms. Asbury Present

Ms. Mazza Present

Mr. Conway Present

Record Shows: 4 Present, 3 Absent

Also Present: Kendall Santucci, Director

Rhiannon Taylor, Assistant Director

**BUSINESS**  
**A. Building Project Considerations Presentation**Director Santucci gave a presentation outlining the current financial state of the library, and options pertaining to renovation that are available to the library.

President Conway suspended the order of the day to move on to Public Comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**Andrew Zimmerman asked why the Ada’s property was purchased. He also expressed his opinion that the library should focus on upgrading the current location, and expressed concerns regarding parking and street inaccessibility at the Ada’s property.

Diana Pauwels expressed her opinion that the library should focus more on promotion and interacting with the community. She noted that the Ada’s building, in her opinion, is not centrally located within the village of River Grove.

Mike Boehmer spoke on behalf of the River Grove Citizens for Fair Taxation. He expressed his opinion that any potential bond referendum would fail. He asked what would be the cost of renovating the existing library location.

A patron who did not identify himself spoke to say he is very comfortable at the River Grove Library.

Margaret Taylor expressed concerns relating to the location of the Ada’s property and acquiring sufficient funding for the renovation.

Susan Szesol expressed concern that the Ada’s building does not have a large dedicated parking lot, and also expressed her opinion that the existing library should be renovated rather than the Ada’s building.

Andrew Zimmerman spoke again regarding parking.

Carmen Bermudez requested more information on whether the Ada’s building had been inspected prior to purchase.

A teen patron who did not identify themselves asked why the money to purchase the Ada’s building wasn’t used to improve the current library building.

A patron named Claudia expressed that she did not want the library to move locations.

Quincy Asbury asked if the Board knew when an official decision regarding the potential Ada’s renovation would be made. President Conway responded that it is his hope to finalize the plans within a couple of months.

John Chin asked for more information regarding the library’s debt issuance options for funding a renovation.

**BUSINESS  
B. Board Discussion – Building Project Options**President Conway noted that the Ada’s building has slightly more usable square footage than the current library building. He also noted that the current library building may contain asbestos.

Trustees discussed renovation financing options including alternate revenue bonds and the sale of the current library property. They also discussed the possibility of hiring a new architect.

**C. POSSIBLE ACTION:  
 I. Engberg Anderson 8301 W. Grand Phase 1 Reroof Proposal** No action.  
 **ii. Engberg Anderson 8638 W. Grand Conceptual Work Proposal** No action.  
 **iii. Owners’ Representative Proposals**  
 No action.

**ADJOURNMENT**Ms. Mazza motioned to adjourn.

Ms. Asbury seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm.

Record Shows: All Ayes

Motion Carries.