

**Mount Pleasant Public Library: Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting of July 21, 2022**

Trustees & Liaisons present: Dick Malina, Julie Edwards, Marcie Krauss, James Riina, Rebecca Myers, Thomas Sialiano (Town Liaison),

Also present:

Martha Mesiti, Assistant Library Director; Bill Link, facilities consultant

Trustees & Liaisons absent:

**Call to order**

Administrative: Trustee Krauss called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the June 16, 2022 Board meeting were approved. Moved by Trustee Myers, seconded by Trustee Edwards, and passed.

**Opportunity to Hear from the Public – None Present**

**Claims of Payment**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Edwards, and seconded by Trustee Malina, that:

It is hereby resolved that the Town Comptroller be authorized to pay:

- Pay all vouchers reviewed and approved by the Director and the Comptroller, for the month of July 2022, for a total of \$92,707.85.

**202207-01     The motion passed.**

**Directors Report**

After discussion, it was moved by Trustee Myres, and seconded by Trustee Riina, that:

It is hereby resolved that the following personnel items be approved:

- Christine Molloy be appointed to the position of Substitute Librarian, July 21, 2022, at the rate of pay stated in the 2022 Authorized Personnel Salary Schedule, starting August 1, 2022

**202207-02     The motion passed.**

### Master Plan Vision Discussion

- Reviewed vision / schematic (conceptual) plans prepared by HMA2 Architects
  - o Trustee Edwards noted elements within the children's space and young adult space need more design attention
  - o Trustee Malina raised concerns about the proposed outdoor spaces
    - Pergola: Functionality, design-fit with existing building, not enclosed
    - Amphitheater: Liability of people falling / gathering after library hours
- It was agreed a need does exist for outdoor space
  - o Perhaps simplified alternatives for outdoor space are best
- Current design offers flexibility, optimizes existing space, compliments architecture
- Amphitheater and pergola are bonus elements
- Functional elements are all great, thoughtful, and creatively optimize existing structure
- Budget was a topic of concern, Trustee Riina expressed potential budget to be approximately \$12 Million for full plan which includes estimated soft costs, hard costs, escalations, and staging.
- Trustee Edwards acknowledged the project represents a broader community impact beyond the library itself – a future positive impact we may not be capturing if we forego the full design package.

Trustee Myers moved for adjournment at 8:14 pm, seconded by Trustee Malina.

Next regular meeting: Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James Riina  
Trustee