

SOUTH OMAHA LIBRARY ENTITY BOARD MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 @ 4:00 P.M.
South Omaha Library – 2808 Q Street

CALL TO ORDER

1. The South Omaha Library Entity Board met on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at the South Omaha Library, 2808 Q Street (Omaha). Chair Connor called the meeting to order at 4:13 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary, took the Roll Call:

PRESENT: Kyran Connor, Chair
Laura Marlane, Vice Chair
Rachel Steiner
Todd Baker
Tracy McTavish-Mlady
Gary Katz, Library Supervisor, Metropolitan Community College South Omaha Campus (Non-voting)

ABSENT: Joe Bradley
Marvel Maring, Branch Manager, South Omaha Library (Non-voting)

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

2. Chair Connor stated that the meeting has been [advertised](#) in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on July 5, 2024, and is held in accordance with the [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#) (a copy of which is available both on the table and on the wall).

ACTION ITEMS

Chair Connor stated that any person who has been invited to speak or has requested the opportunity to speak before the Entity Board is requested to be brief and to limit their comments to five minutes or less, after identifying themselves. When more than one person wishes to address the Entity Board on a Resolution, the proponents will be invited to speak first, followed by the opponents. Each side will be given a maximum of twenty minutes. The proponents will be given a brief period for rebuttal of any new information presented during the opponent's presentation, after which public comments will be concluded. The Entity Board will ask any questions at the conclusion of any public comments, prior to voting. Entity Board approval is today.

3. [Approval of minutes – April 2, 2024](#)

Chair Connor opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 3.

No one spoke, and the public comment period was closed.

MOTION by McTavish-Mlady, SECOND by Steiner, that Agenda Item 3 (Approval of minutes – April 2, 2024) be approved.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Connor, Marlane, Steiner, Baker, McTavish-Mlady

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

4. **Approval of replacement of fire panel**

Chair Connor opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 4.

No one spoke, and the public comment period was closed.

Vice Chair Marlane stated that the City would like this item tabled until the October 1, 2024 meeting to receive a more accurate quote.

MOTION by Steiner, SECOND by McTavish-Mlady, to table Agenda Item 4 (Approval of replacement of fire panel) until the October 1, 2024 meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Connor, Marlane, Steiner, Baker, McTavish-Mlady

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

5. **Xalapa Mural Project**

Chair Connor opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 5.

No one spoke, and the public comment period was closed.

Board member Steiner stated that the Omaha Sister Cities Association reached out to Omaha Public Library asking if there was interest and availability in accommodating a 20' x 10' mural to be placed on an exterior wall at the South Omaha Library. Xalapa, Mexico is a Sister City to the City of Omaha, and the organization is looking for an exterior space that would be easily visible to the South Omaha community so they could enjoy the gift.

The Entity Board has questions regarding the mural, and concerns about the mural being vandalized if placed on the outside of the South Omaha Library. Board member Steiner will offer suggestions to the Omaha Sister Cities Association on potential sites for placement.

MOTION by Steiner, SECOND by Connor, to table Agenda Item 5 (Xalapa Mural Project) until further notice.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Connor, Marlane, Steiner, Baker, McTavish-Mlady

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

REPORTS

6. **Gate Count**

Mr. Katz highlighted key numbers in the report.

7. **Circulation Statistics**

Mr. Katz highlighted key numbers in the report.

8. **Facilities Update**

Mr. Katz provided a brief facilities update.

9. **Staffing Update**

Mr. Katz provided a staffing update.

10. **MCC Business Office Update**

None.

11. **Entity Board Reports**

None.

PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Chair Connor stated that any member of the public may address the Board on a topic of relevance to the South Omaha Library, after identifying themselves by name and address for public record. Entity Board members may engage in questions and discussion of any topic presented, but any desired action will be placed on a future agenda.

12. **Input, Comments, and Questions**

Chair Connor opened up the public comment period on Agenda Item 12.

No one spoke, and the public comment period was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. The Entity Board may recess and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel issues, and/or any other matter allowed by law.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Connor, SECOND by Steiner, that the meeting of the South Omaha Library Entity Board be adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Connor, Marlane, Steiner, Baker, McTavish-Mlady

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:38 P.M.

NEXT MEETINGS

October 1, 2024

January 7, 2025

April 1, 2025