

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING May 16, 2017

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

The board approved a budget amendment to the recently approved 2017 Budget. This amendment will add a full-time community engagement liaison to the Specialty Info Services budget, and increase the budgeted hours from 15 to 25 for a currently vacant position that will be filled as a bilingual Specialty Info Services Advisor. The dollars are being reallocated from other budget lines from across the library, which represents no change in the overall amount of the 2017 budget.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of HVAC improvements in the public computing area

The board approved seeking bids for modifications to the HVAC system in the public computing area to improve the air quality. Digital Services staff members regularly receive complaints from customers regarding the air quality in the public computing area. Due to a lack of airflow and many people concentrated in one area, there is a persistent odor issue in that space. The proposed modifications will increase airflow in this space and ventilate outdoors.

Approval of parking lot improvement project

The board approved moving ahead with the proposed parking lot improvement project. The goal of this project is to improve safety by separating the foot traffic from the vehicular traffic, creating a safer passage from the parking lot to the entrance, and improving wayfinding throughout the area.

The project will include repaving areas of the parking lot and underground parking area, new signage, a new facade surrounding the entrance, and improved traffic flow. The project will begin in July and end toward the end of September and will be completed in five phases. Disruption of service and parking will be considered during the project and we will make every effort to minimize the impact on our customers.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF EXPLORATION OF MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR 2017-2018

The board reviewed and approved the exploration of a final list of initiatives presented to them from the Strategic Planning Committee. The initial list of 152 ideas was compiled by the Strategic Planning Committee with input from staff. Staff voted on which items would remain on the final list, which was culled down to 23 items, and was presented to the board.