

**JOINT VILLAGE-LIBRARY MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL  
BUECHNER ROOM**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023 8:30 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees: Baldino, Bertucci  
LaBedz, Tinaglia, Scaletta, Canty,  
Grasse, and Schwingbeck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Arlington Heights Library Board President Zyck,  
and Trustees Medal, Supplitt, Galla, Ruhl, Borrell,  
Executive Director Mike Driskell, Deputy Director  
Dana Revilla, members of the public

**SUBJECTS:**

Citizens to be Heard

Library Items of Interest to Share

Village Items of Interest to Share

Other Topics for Discussion

Adjournment

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President Hayes and Library Board President Greg Zyck called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Presidents Hayes and Zyck made introductory comments commending the level of intergovernmental cooperation present in Arlington Heights. Outgoing Village Trustees John Scaletta and Mary Beth Canty were acknowledged for their contributions during their tenure. Outgoing Library Trustee John Supplitt was also acknowledged for his contributions. Representatives of both boards stressed the importance of volunteerism in a community, and how in coming years more individuals will need to step forward to

fill roles on elected boards

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Library Topics of Interest**

Library Executive Director Mike Driskell highlighted the Library's attainment of a 5 star rated for 11 years, and winning of the Daily Herald "Best of Best" Award for the past year.

The Library's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Committee is working on a variety of issues on the DEI front including the inclusion of pronouns on email signatures, work with other agencies on Heritage Fest, and Heritage Month Displays within the Library, an MLK Day of Service, and new accessibility tools for individuals with disabilities.

The arcade exhibit has come to a close, but was very popular, gaining media attention, and lots of use by the public. The next exhibit is not currently planned.

The Library's Kid's World section will be undergoing an update/refresh to keep the area current and engaging for young patrons.

Programming is in high demand at the Makerplace and additional sessions are being organized to meet the growing demand by the community.

The Library is seeking further opportunities for collaboration with the Village and other entities in the future in the area of more access by Library patrons to the Village's social worker, potential sale of yard waste and vehicle stickers, and further DEI work.

Village Trustees thanked Mr. Driskell and the Library Board for their work and expressed support for the lottery system that prioritizes first time users of the Makerplace.

### **Village Topics of Interest**

Village Manager Recklaus provided an update on the Village's involvement in the Chicago Bears Organization's discussion on the potential purchase of the Arlington Racetrack property from Churchill Downs. Manager Recklaus provided an overview of actions taken by the Village to date including the development and passage of a Pre-Development Agreement, or roadmap with the Chicago Bears, and research with communities that already host NFL stadiums.

Members of the Library Board expressed support for the Village's efforts to date on this important issue.

Mr. Recklaus also provided updates on Arlington Alfresco, the Enterprise Resource Planning Software project, the new Village website, new Village Survey, and the Village's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts.

Library Trustee Supplitt suggested that the Library and Village should cooperate in the future on issues related to sustainability.

**Other Topics of Discussion**

No other items for discussion

**Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Baldino seconded by Trustee Schwingbeck

All voted in favor

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am