

Dorchester County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
George H. Seago Jennie J. McMahan Library
St. George, SC

May 18th, 2022

7:00PM

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comments / Announcements / Correspondence**
- 3. Approval of May 2022 Minutes – (Attached)**
- 4. Business Department Report – (Attached)**
 - a. Monthly YTD Financial Report
 - b. 2022-2023 Budget Finalization – **(Distributed)**
 - c. Budget Transfer form – **(Attached)**
- 5. Director’s Report (Attached)**
- 6. Committee Reports**
- 7. Old Business**
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Executive Session**
 - a. North Charleston Design and Plans
 - b. Oakbrook Design and Plans

Interior colors
- 9. Adjourn**

5. Director's Report (Attached)

a. Buildings and Grounds

- i. Still waiting on the manufacture and delivery of the 20ton HVAC unit from LimRic
- ii. Mr. Antill called LimRic today and is still waiting for return correspondence of the delivery and installation of the new unit.
- iii. This Friday (the 19th) will be the end of the 20 week period provided by LimRic for completion.

b. New Facilities

- i. In Executive Session – If necessary
 1. Oakbrook
 2. North Charleston
 3. Summerville
 4. Ridgeville

c. Personnel

- i. **STEM Van – Outreach Librarian I – Starts June 6th**
 1. STEM certified librarian coming down from New York
 2. Will be at Bosch during their STEM Festival for about 3 days.
- ii. **Applications for 1 full and 2 part time LAI positions in SVL and STG**
 1. Still looking to fill current openings which will bring libraries fully staffed.
 2. Multiple applicants

d. Collection/Library Performance

- i. **Year-to-Date Statistics and Highlights**
 1. Continual growth in print circulations
 2. Additional library membership increase
 3. 400,000 Print Circulation last year. Will reach 400,000 print circulations by the end of May.
 4. Increase in wireless use and digital access

e. Meetings and Attendance

- i. SLENDS
- ii. SCAPLA
- iii. Rotary
 1. Antill will be next year's president of St. George Rotary
- iv. Weekly architect meetings to discuss all of the branches and their progress
- v. County Budget Committee
- vi. Flowertown
 1. Had a booth next to the petting zoo.
- vii. Summerville Chamber Presentation to Leadership 2022
- viii. Lunch Meeting with New Board Member Alexis Scipio
- ix. Rosenwald School Lunch with National Park Service
 1. National Park Service has followed up twice with Antill.
- x. St. George – Storywalk Dedication

6. Committee Reports

a. Policy and Procedure Committee

- i. New recommended policy and procedural manual with revisions.
- ii. Sabine made a motion the Board accept the revised manual as presented
- iii. Seconded by Inabinett

iv. None opposed

7. Old Business

- a. Policy & Procedure Revisions submitted for Board approval
 - i. See above under Committee Reports

8. New Business

- a. None

9. Executive Session

a. Construction Plans

- i. No significant changes to the inside of the library
- ii. Exterior and design of buildings have been adjusted by County Council
- iii. County Council is considering taking over the exterior maintenance of the libraries – old and new construction
- iv. Manigault expressed concern that if there is an issue requiring repair – plumbing, etc. instead of calling and getting someone that day, would have to go through the County.
- v. Scipio inquired whether this included landscaping.
- vi. Collins stated taxpayers voted for \$30 million for construction. Wants to know how much has been spent/allocated towards production of new structures

1. Oakbrook site

- a. \$1.7 million for land purchase
- b. \$12,339,400 allocated for Oakbrook site
- c. 21 acres (\$81,000 acre)
 - i. A little more than 5-6 acres is actually buildable
 - ii. 16 acres is not buildable and will most likely be used for trails
 - 1. Collins questioned that this would be done with land purchased monies allocated for libraries from bond referendum.
 - 2. Antill replied it seemed so.
- d. Manigault is part of Dorchester Leadership. Stated that every discussion on the new library will involve a nature trail. Trail is going to link the park to the library.

2. North Charleston location

- a. Earmarked \$4,000,000 for project
- b. Not in original proposal
- c. Received \$1,000,000 commitment from DD2 towards building costs and an additional \$800,000 for the land.
- d. 15,000 sq ft facility
- e. 4-5 acres. 1 to 1 ½ is wetlands
- f. 60 spots for parking

3. Summerville Branch

- a. Budgeted for \$9,254,550.00
- b. Originally slated for 15,000-20,000. Designed currently for 15,000 sq ft
- c. Land 7,900 sq ft – paid for and price not revealed to Mr. Antill.
- d. Collins stated they cannot purchase land without an appraisal and cannot pay more than fair market value

- e. Rutland stated that parents of toddlers especially when raining, want a place to go with their children and will not walk from parking garage off of short central to ymca site.

4. Ridgeville location

- a. Allocated \$4,000,000
- b. No feasible site or location.
- c. Antill stated that Trolley Road location is worth \$3 million
- d. There is a building proposal for several hundred acres behind Duke's BBQ with zoning requests to build homes.
- e. Board discussed if Council would possibly put contingency to allot land for library?
- f. Discussed having an outside playground off of library for usage for members.

10. Adjourn

- a. Motion Sabine
- b. Seconded by Rutland
- c. Adjourned at 8:21pm