

HINSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ad Hoc Facilities Space Audit Committee, Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Present: John Bloomfield, President; Magda Sokolowski, Vice President, Chun Ye, Trustee

Also Present: Karen Kleckner Keefe, Executive Director; Lizzy Boden, Adult Services Manager; Martha Kennedy, Patron Services Manager; Lisa Winchell, Youth Services Manager; Bob Bell, IT & Facilities Manager

Call to order 12:12 pm.

On a motion by Chun Ye and seconded by Magda Sokolowski, the minutes of the February 8 meeting were unanimously approved.

The committee reviewed the updated drawings provided by HGA. They discussed ways to make the CMR useable for patrons when not needed for a program or community meeting.

They discussed moving the Server Room to the lower level to increase space for the public on the main floor.

The committee agreed that widening the central stairs would improve accessibility and create a more welcoming environment. Keefe will ask HGA to include widening the stairs and moving the Server Room to future plans.

The committee discussed phasing. They discussed creating the main floor CMR towards the beginning of the project so that the Library could still use the existing CMR during construction. They also recommended moving holds to shelving on the walls on the northeast side of the main floor.

The committee discussed keeping the Quiet Room in its current location and making the southeast corner a “coworking space” that could better accommodate the interruptions caused by use of the staff entrance.

The committee discussed moving shelving on the mezzanine level closer to the west windows to make room for larger, collaborative workspaces on the floor. They also recommended moving the staff service point across from the stairs.

The committee discussed moving the early literacy computers away from the windows. They also discussed the challenges of having an open play space directly behind the space where storytimes would take place.

Keefe will share all questions and recommendations with HGA.

The committee also discussed parking issues. They agreed that this discussion should be continued by another committee or group.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 pm.

Approved: April 16, 2024