

Rock Island Public Library Board
Art & Facilities Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 2:00pm
Rock Island Public Library –Watts-Midtown Branch
2715 30th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

Meeting Facilitator: Jenni Swanson (*pro tem*)

Invitees: RIPL Board Members: Debbie Freiburg, Dr. Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh, Shelly Johnson, Jenni Swanson; Daniel Cuneo, Business & Facilities Director; Angela Campbell, Library Director

- I. Call to order: President Swanson called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M.
- II. In Attendance: Trustees Grandberry-Pugh and Johnson absent.
- III. Public Comment: None.
- IV. New Business
 - Window Replacement Proposal: Pella’s estimate came back much lower than Director Cuneo anticipated, and he feels that the window project is possible even if the Library isn’t awarded congressional set-aside money. He noted, however, that installation tends to be 2-3x more expensive than major materials on similar projects. That would put the total cost near \$500,000, and he doesn’t advise paying for both the windows and Stage 1 of the Downtown Library Master Plan from the Library’s Assigned Reserves – as doing so would all but empty them. Director Campbell agreed and said there’d be positive comments about financial assistance for the windows at the State level. The committee will wait to make a recommendation until they heard a definitive answer on grant funding.
 - DT Elevator Certification & Fire System: Director Cuneo explained that, since failing the State’s new FAID test in November, the Downtown Library’s only elevator is no longer in-compliance. Compliance cannot be met until the facility’s fire system is replaced, which is in turn waiting on a possible grant award from the State Library. In the meantime, the elevator cannot be repaired or maintained by KONE.

Director Cuneo said he can apply for a limited 60-day extension in the event the elevator needs repaired, but he’s refraining in case of emergency. He also assured the committee that non-compliance was specific to how the elevator interacts with the fire alarm and has nothing to do with standard operations.
 - Facilities Budget – Discussion for CY2027: Director Cuneo presented previews of the budget worksheets he’ll be using with Library administrators and the Board during this budget season. He still has quite a bit of analysis of CY25 actuals to complete before he’s comfortable making recommendations.
 - Master Plan Phase 1 – Updates: Cordogan Clark returned a very manageable price for this schematic phase of the Master Plan, and Director Campbell is pleased that it’s a flat

fee (much less than previous feasibility studies the Library has paid for). Richard from Cordogan Clark is assembling his team for the project, and Director Campbell will update the Board and the committee when she knows more.

- Downtown Children’s Room Restroom Renovation – Updates: Director Cuneo said that Bush is proving much easier to work with than Valley was (on the First-Floor restroom renovations in CY25). They’re committed to a difficult at Augustana that incentivizes them to finish at the Library as quickly as possible, so Director Cuneo is optimistic the project will be finished before the start of Summer Reading.
- Capital Improvement Projects – Discussion for CY2027: Director Campbell asked Director Cuneo what capital projects the committee might need to consider for the CY27 budget, citing his comments at the April 21 Board meeting. He said that one of the (four) Southwest air conditioners is 20-years-old and will need replacement in CY27. The estimated cost is roughly \$7000, and he’s including it in his current projections. Beyond that, the Library’s portion of the Southwest roof will be out of warranty in 3 years and will need replaced then.

V. *Closed Session – Not needed.

VI. Information Sharing

- DT Fire System Replacement Estimate
- DT Window Material Estimate
- CY27 Facilities Budget Planning Worksheet

VII. Announcements: None

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Cuneo
Business & Facilities Director