

Minutes
Board of Library Trustees – Special Meeting
August 4, 2023 at 4:00 pm
Online via Zoom

Present:

Jeffrey Lewis, President, via phone
Ron Crupi, Vice President
Kip At Lee, Secretary
Martha Grahame
Carrie Willson, Executive Director
Sandy Hunting, Recorder

Call to Order

President Lewis deferred to Vice President Crupi to chair meeting due to technology issues. Meeting called to order by Mr. Crupi at 4:01pm.

New Business

Briefing for the BOLT on the removal of the Solar Table

Executive Director Willson briefed the board on the history of the solar table's installation in January 2023 via grant money from LSTA awarded in FY22. The project was coordinated with County Buildings & Grounds department and the shopping center owner. She also reviewed the incidents leading to its removal by the BOCC on July 25.

Library response to a 7/26/23 letter from the BOCC

Mr. At Lee suggested a written response from the BOLT to the BOCC under the President's signature addressing the following points:

- The BOCC letter should have been addressed to the BOLT.
- The BOLT and Library staff are appreciative of the continued support of the BOCC.
- An implication that the issue of homelessness in Calvert County is not the library's to solve. It is an issue for the BOCC and the community to address.
- The BOLT and library staff appreciate the good working relationship with the County Sheriff's Office and there was no misconduct on the part of library staff with the sheriff's deputies in the course of their duties. In addition, this incident has allowed for an even better relationship with the Sheriff's Office going forward.
- The solar table is the property of the library and, as such, the BOCC did not have the authority to move it. The opportunity should be taken to educate the BOCC on the authority of the BOLT with respect to the library as provided by Maryland statute and delineated in the AG letter, which should also be shared.
- Address the location of the solar table—it should be made clear that although the table belongs to the library, we are content for it to be relocated to the area where homelessness services will soon be housed as it provides a needed service, as the library intended, with the stipulation that it be made full functional, serviceable and available to the community as soon as possible, including Wi-Fi connectivity.

ED Willson will begin a Teams document with notes which Mr. At Lee will use to draft a response letter by 8/5. This letter will be distributed to the BOLT members on the call and then to all BOLT members and staff for comment with the intent to deliver a finished response to the BOCC on Monday, 8/7.

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Crupi at 4:59pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hunting
Recorder