

**Rutherford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for May 1, 2013 Meeting**

Open Meeting

1. Roll Call

Trustees Present	Ms. Wendy Armacost Ms. Brenda Fargo Ms. Rose Inguanti Ms. Julie Kajouras Ms. Krista Vellis Ms. Pat Wester
Absent	Mr. Gerry Grenier Ms. Monica Rodriguez
Staff Present	Mr. Judah Hamer, Director
Others present	Mr. Adalbert Albu Ms. Gabriella Zsiros Mr. John Carton (arrived 7:45 p.m.) Mr. Marc Parette (arrived 7:45 p.m.)
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Ms. Inguanti

2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act
Ms. Armacost read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. Agenda Approval

Motion: *To approve the agenda.*
Moved: Fargo **Seconded:** Kajouras
For: Armacost, Fargo, Inguanti, Kajouras, Vellis
Against:
Abstain:

4. Architect presentations

Mr. Albu and Ms. Zsiros from AA Architects introduced themselves to the Board then provided an overview of the firm. Mr. Albu described his approach to working with clients and reviewed select projects, focusing on West Caldwell Public Library. Board members asked several questions related to content in the presentation. Mr. Albu and Ms. Zsiros left after the presentation.

Mr. Carton and Mr. Parette from Parette Somjen Architects LLC arrived and were introduced to the Board. They presented an overview of their firm and its approach to working with clients. They described a number of library projects on which they worked, and they presented preliminary ideas for modifications to the Library. Board members made inquiries based on content in the presentation. Mr. Carton and Mr. Parette departed after their presentation.

The Trustees engaged in a brief discussion that touched on the relative strengths of each firm, and they requested the director prepare notes on his observations about the strengths/weaknesses of four out of the five architects who have presented.

5. New business

The Board reviewed a request from the Rutherford Super Bowl community to partner on Football Fest, with the Library being the charity that benefits from an auction of artwork created in connection with the project. There was general discussion regarding Library participation in Football Fest fundraising activities. The Board directed the administrator to seek additional information for further discussion at the next Board meeting.

7. Adjournment

Motion: *To adjourn the meeting.*

Moved: Fargo

Seconded: Wester

For: Armacost, Fargo, Inguanti, Kajouras, Vellis, Wester

Against:

Abstain:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rose Inguanti
President