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