

MINUTES AND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATE: January 26, 2017

PLACE: Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Square
Worcester MA 01608

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Keane (Chair), Pedone, Sorrenti, Finkel

STAFF PRESENT: Dickinson, Stone

1. Call to order
Keane called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
2. The Committee reviewed the 2017 holiday hours for the library. The library will close on Saturday, September 2, 2017 and Saturday, December 23, 2017.
Sorrenti moved to accept the Saturday closings as are identified in the attachment.
Pedone seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
3. The committee discussed the possibility of increasing the night hours at the library.
Dickinson stated that before any additional evening library hours may be considered, the library would need to identify the costs associated, and statistics would need to be ran in regards to patron usage. A budget increase would also be necessary in order to move forward and would have to go before City Council for approval.
Sorrenti moved to direct the administrative staff at the library to begin the steps of investigating all aspects involved to support the increased hours. Pedone seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
4. Dickinson reported on the progress of the Long Range Plan. The steering committee will meet on January 26, 2017 to discuss and review the draft. Ruth Kowal will present the final draft to the Board at the February Board meeting. The focus areas of the Long Range Plan are Community space, Community outreach, Community collaboration and Connecting Community with technology. The purpose of the Long Range Plan is to have a tool to use as a guiding document with principles, and the reflection of our goals and progress.
5. Pedone moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.