

LPL Board Meeting 2-18-2025

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All right.

00:00:03 Daniel Kelly

Like to call the meeting into order.

00:00:06 Daniel Kelly

Roll call we have Miss.

00:00:07 Daniel Kelly

Arsement, Mr. Eric.

00:00:11 Daniel Kelly

Mr. Moore.

00:00:13 Daniel Kelly

Miss Bradley.

00:00:15 Daniel Kelly

Mr. Judge and Mr. Stewart, our legal counsel. We're going to stand for prayer and a pledge allegiance.

00:00:23

I'm not sure.

00:00:28 Daniel Kelly

And I we pray here.

00:00:29 Daniel Kelly

So, Father, we thank you for this meeting.

00:00:31 Daniel Kelly

Thank you for all the guests here tonight. Lord Grant us wisdom understanding. God, we just ask for your peace tonight. Your joy as we discuss community fitness.

00:00:43 Daniel Kelly

In Jesus name. Amen.

00:00:46 All

Pledge allegiance.

00:01:05 Daniel Kelly

And we're going to have a reading.

00:01:12 Rena Bradley

Welcome to the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control meeting as.

00:01:19 Rena Bradley

Board trustee, I would like to announce the following. This is a public meeting to address the Board of Control on any item on the agenda.

00:01:27 Rena Bradley

Please complete and submit the public speaker form prior to the calling of the agenda item in order to have the opportunity to speak.

00:01:35 Rena Bradley

Items for submission to the board should be handed to Miss Nancy, a board member seated at the table to our right when addressing the board.

00:01:43 Rena Bradley

Your name, parish of Residence and title for the official record.

00:01:48 Rena Bradley

No debating or confrontational statements will be.

00:01:51 Rena Bradley

This is not a question and answer session where you can ask questions and demand answers of board members or of employees. Though board members may ask clarifying questions to ensure your concerns are understood.

00:02:04 Rena Bradley

All comments must pertain to library business in general in the action item being considered. In particular, the three minute rule will be in effect.

00:02:13 Rena Bradley

Members of the public are asked to remain quiet during the meeting to allow the board to conduct its business efficiently and to refrain from making comments while other members of the public are addressing the board from the podium.

00:02:24 Rena Bradley

Meeting procedures are governed generally by Robert's rules of order, but the presiding officer may deviate from Robert's rules of order when necessary, convenient or desirable for the.

00:02:34 Rena Bradley

Efficient proceeding of the meeting.

00:02:37 Rena Bradley

All cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

00:02:42 Daniel Kelly

Thank you for that.

00:02:42 Danny Gillane

Alright.

00:02:43 Daniel Kelly

We're going to have our comments from the library board concerning the Northeast Library Committee report.

00:02:50 Daniel Kelly

Miss Arsement.

00:02:51 Ella Arsement

OK, the Northeast Library committee met last week. On Thursday, February the 13th. Although Ruben, excuse me. Although AB Rubin and Kim Stansbury are no longer serving on the committee.

00:03:05 Ella Arsement

I was happy to announce that the Library Board of Control President Mr. Daniel Kelly appointed.

00:03:12 Ella Arsement

Larry Angelle to serve on the Northeast Library committee.

00:03:15 Ella Arsement

The committee now consists of five members instead of six members. Larry was able to attend his first committee meeting last week. The Minutes from the October 17th, 2024 and November 21st 2024 committee meetings were approved.

00:03:33 Ella Arsement

There were no minutes to approve for January 2025, as the committee did not meet in January 2025.

00:03:41 Ella Arsement

Our library consultant Maureen Arndt, with 720 Design, was at the meeting last week and made her presentation.

00:03:49 Ella Arsement

For her findings, using information from the library, the Northeast Library survey that was on the library's website.

00:03:57 Ella Arsement

The Open house meeting, the three focus group meetings that were held with citizens in the community.

00:04:04 Ella Arsement

And other data she was able to gather for demographics and needs for the the Northeast Library project.

00:04:12 Ella Arsement

The consultant presented three options for the committee to review and consider approving to recommend to the Library Board of Control, the plan for option one is 20,500 square feet, option 2.

00:04:27 Ella Arsement

Is 17,500 square feet and option 3 is 12,500 square feet.

00:04:33 Ella Arsement

All library border control members should have received a copy of this presentation, and it was also located on the library's website.

00:04:41 Ella Arsement

Along with demographic information for the public's review.

00:04:46 Ella Arsement

Option 3 was not an option that any committee member wanted to consider for approval.

00:04:52 Ella Arsement

There was some discussion about Option 1 and 2. I did mention to the committee members that a warehouse was part of the original plan for the Northeast Library project and it was something that I wanted to the committee to discuss and approve.

00:05:09 Ella Arsement

Of adding the warehouse with one of the options that we would approve for approve of for recommendation to the Library Board of Control.

00:05:18 Ella Arsement

Committee members did not want to add a warehouse to the plan because they felt it would take away from the size and funds.

00:05:26 Ella Arsement

Needed for the Northeast Library project. When asked if the committee should consider approving option one and Option 2 together and letting the library Board of Control decide which option they would approve, committee members said no.

00:05:42 Ella Arsement

That they wanted to only recommend option one to the library Board of Control and Motion was made to approve option one. The 20,500 square foot plan.

00:05:54 Ella Arsement

The committee voted 5 to 0 to recommend option one to the Library Board of Control.

00:06:00 Ella Arsement

This concludes my report, and I'm sure you're going to have a lot of questions, but if you would mind, can we wait till we get to that portion of the?

00:06:10 Ella Arsement

The meeting. OK. Appreciate you.

00:06:11 Daniel Kelly

Sure.

00:06:17 Daniel Kelly

All right. We're gonna move on to facilities and financials.

00:06:21 Daniel Kelly

OK.

00:06:22 Danny Gillane

So the Tyler system, our new system for LCG has not been updated to reflect our current.

00:06:28 Danny Gillane

So you don't have this in your packet, but our current revenues are \$12.776 million in our current expenditures are \$3.6 million.

00:06:37 Danny Gillane

We are pretty much exactly where we expect to.

00:06:40 Danny Gillane

At this point in time.

00:06:42 Danny Gillane

And we're hoping that you get the full financial print out.

00:06:48 Danny Gillane

For the next meeting.

00:06:50 Danny Gillane

It's been an adventure.

00:06:53 Danny Gillane

So facilities report.

00:06:55 Danny Gillane

Our facilities staff went out to all of our buildings prior to the weather event and and winterized everything that we needed.

00:07:04 Danny Gillane

Other than being closed for the week, none of our buildings suffered any damage due to the cold.

00:07:10 Danny Gillane

At main we removed the tree under the corner of the building near the staff.

00:07:14 Danny Gillane

We had a compressor failure on the unit that handles the server room and we're at the beginning stages of the elevator project.

00:07:22 Danny Gillane

Preparing for the Professional services committee.

00:07:25 Danny Gillane

At East we relamped the lighting in the children's and adult areas and we have contacted the roofing company to schedule repairs on the flat roof.

00:07:35 Danny Gillane

After the repairs were done in the building, was inspected.

00:07:39 Danny Gillane

We found that not everything was completed, so we're scheduling them to come out and finish the work.

00:07:48 Danny Gillane

Right there with you.

00:07:50 Danny Gillane

At north, we had a wiring issue on a transformer.

00:07:54 Danny Gillane

At South.

00:07:55 Danny Gillane

The roofing company came out to look at some.

00:07:57 Danny Gillane

There's a theme here. The roofing company came out to look at some roof leak issues.

00:08:03 Danny Gillane

Phase two of the construction is mostly complete.

00:08:05 Danny Gillane

Going to the punch list with contractors.

00:08:08 Danny Gillane

Phase 3 has a slight delay due to the availability of the equipment and parts, which is no fault of the contractors or the architect.

00:08:15 Danny Gillane

At West, there are some roof issues that we are reaching out to have addressed.

00:08:20 Danny Gillane

We ran into an issue with the Apollo Rd. entrance project involving right of way and the turn lane, but public works is worth looking into this.

00:08:29 Danny Gillane

And you're now up to date.

00:08:33 Daniel Kelly

Thank you. And our Assistant Direct report.

00:08:38 Daniel Kelly

Miss Dawn, good evening.

00:08:40 Dawn Williams

Overall, we've been progressing a pretty steadily filling the vacancies within our system.

00:08:45 Dawn Williams

Ratings interviews for our librarian, one adult services position at South is currently being conducted.

00:08:51 Dawn Williams

We actually had 20 applicants for this position, which was kind of exciting.

00:08:56 Dawn Williams

We only have three additional staff vacancies throughout our whole system.

00:09:00 Dawn Williams

Have two LTA one positions at north.

00:09:03 Dawn Williams

And our library operations manager's position so.

00:09:06 Dawn Williams

Very excited about that being that when I started we had more than 14 positions vacant.

00:09:12 Dawn Williams

Recent staff changes Katie Salvador was promoted to LA one in outreach in January, and she actually started her her job today.

00:09:21 Dawn Williams

That's exciting that our bookmobile staff.

00:09:24 Dawn Williams

Is fully.

00:09:25 Dawn Williams

Fully full and ready to go.

00:09:27 Dawn Williams

Brand new to the system or Jean Paul Orgeron, who joined us in January as a librarian to an electronic resources.

00:09:34 Dawn Williams

At Main, Bill French joined us last week as a librarian two an adult reference at South, and Cheryl Lewis was hired as the LA one at north. And she's in the process of going through the onboarding process with LCG.

00:09:49 Dawn Williams

Staff is in the planning phase of our 2025 summer reading challenge. This year's kickoff will be on Saturday, June 7th here at main.

00:09:58 Dawn Williams

And after a brief hiatus, our bookmobile is back in action. Yay.

00:10:04 Dawn Williams

We are very excited to be able to offer this valuable service to the Community and the citizens of Lafayette Parish. Despite being closed for a week in January for the doctor Martin Luther King Holiday and our snowpocalypse.

00:10:16 Dawn Williams

Stats for January, although down just a little bit were impressive.

00:10:20 Dawn Williams

In January, we had a total of 63,900 and.

00:10:25 Dawn Williams

Patrons.

00:10:26 Dawn Williams

Visit our libraries or use our drive throughs and we offered a total of 185 programs. If we had continued at this pace and we had not been closed for the week, we would likely have seen an increase in our patron count compared to last January.

00:10:40 Dawn Williams

I've been pretty busy.

00:10:41 Dawn Williams

Attended several meetings.

00:10:42 Dawn Williams

I went to the Friends of the Library board meeting the Foundation Board, meeting the Bayou Land meeting.

00:10:48 Dawn Williams

I've also attended the summer Reading program kick off meeting and in January I spent time in the maker spaces at Main.

00:10:57 Dawn Williams

Working the adult services desk at Main.

00:11:00 Dawn Williams

I attended Biblio Bob which was that was probably the highlight of my month baby time at Main and story time at Main and West.

00:11:08 Dawn Williams

I will be going to east and N within the next two weeks.

00:11:10 Dawn Williams

And I also attended a webinar and planning staff in services.

00:11:15 Dawn Williams

Just a little bit of exciting news. Main's going to be hosting an evening with Denise Lewis. Patrick, who is the author of this year's Lafayette Reads Together selection.

00:11:23 Dawn Williams

That will be on Wednesday, March 26th and we hope to see everybody there.

00:11:29 Daniel Kelly

A great job Dawn. You say you started.

00:11:31 Daniel Kelly

Had and now we have what?

00:11:31 Dawn Williams

14.

00:11:34 Daniel Kelly

Go ahead, girl. Pretty exciting.

00:11:34

Or three.

00:11:36 Dawn Williams

I like erasing that board.

00:11:36 Daniel Kelly

Awesome.

00:11:37 Daniel Kelly

That's good. Very good.

00:11:40 Daniel Kelly

All.

00:11:40 Daniel Kelly

So we have the proof of the Minutes from January meeting.

00:11:43 Robert Judge

Excuse me, point of order, we have a direct directors report.

00:11:44

Yes, so.

00:11:48 Daniel Kelly

Oh, we didn't do that.

00:11:50 Daniel Kelly

Just messing I'm messing got you.

00:11:50 Danny Gillane

Just you gave me.

00:11:52 Danny Gillane

OK.

00:11:52 Daniel Kelly

Thank you, Robin.

00:11:53 Danny Gillane

So mine will be short.

00:11:56 Danny Gillane

So I attended the Bayouland business meeting.

00:11:59 Danny Gillane

I've been attending S construction meetings and at North I attended a meeting with manager of North and.

00:12:07 Danny Gillane

The consultant with the architectural firm to discuss flooring.

00:12:12 Danny Gillane

They tell me this is the best part of the job.

00:12:18 Danny Gillane

Tomorrow I'll be attending a Council meeting so I can give a report not to exceed 15 minutes on the last year of the library had a few more HR related issues that.

00:12:30 Danny Gillane

I get to attend meetings for Don mentioned, the bookmobile is back on the road.

00:12:36 Danny Gillane

And they everyone on the crew has their class D license, so we are at full driver status. They have by this time this meeting was held. We had already gone 4 stops, including daycares and elderly apartment complex in Girard Park.

00:12:54 Danny Gillane

The first stop that they had coming back, they had over 50 students and four teachers join. Join them on the bus.

00:13:02 Danny Gillane

So they are.

00:13:04 Danny Gillane

They've already booked their first Saturday bookmobile visit, going to the family summit with the.

00:13:09 Danny Gillane

It's projected to have 250 families in attendance, and so I know it was a long wait to get the bookmobile back.

00:13:18 Danny Gillane

And I know it was difficult on a lot of people, but it is back and it's fully staffed and they are ramping up very quickly.

00:13:28 Danny Gillane

And now you can go to the minutes.

00:13:31 Daniel Kelly

Thank you.

00:13:31 Daniel Kelly

Thank you.

00:13:33 Daniel Kelly

Right. Moving on to approval, the Minutes of January meeting.

00:13:36 Robert Judge

President Kelly, I have a point of order, please.

00:13:40 Robert Judge

It is come to.

00:13:43 Robert Judge

My I'm assuming the rest of the board's attention this afternoon we received a complaint that.

00:13:52 Robert Judge

We may have or the allegation was made that there was a violation of the Open meetings law.

00:13:59 Robert Judge

Last month in January.

00:14:02 Robert Judge

As a result of not requesting for public input on the marketing plan that we voted on and approved now.

00:14:12 Robert Judge

Mr. Breaux can correct me and I'm going to ask you if I if I go any wrong without the board admitting that this was done or giving up any possible legal defenses that may afford the Board of Defense.

00:14:27 Robert Judge

The remedy, if my understanding is correct, is to basically redo that.

00:14:33 Robert Judge

So to bring up that issue and put it on tonight's agenda, we can do that. But it requires a unanimous vote of this board to do so.

00:14:44 Robert Judge

So in order to do that, I'll make a motion that the unfinished business from January.

00:14:50 Robert Judge

13th of 2025 is a prophylactic measure entirely.

00:14:57 Robert Judge

Be placed on the agenda tonight for the marketing plan that we voted on and approved.

00:15:03 Robert Judge

Last month.

00:15:07 Daniel Kelly

I second that.

00:15:10 Robert Judge

So we have a motion, and Mr. President Kelly, if you would please from there.

00:15:18 Daniel Kelly

I second.

00:15:19 Daniel Kelly

Any any comments?

00:15:22 Daniel Kelly

No public comments.

00:15:24 Robert Judge

If I may please, because there note this item was not on the agenda.

00:15:31 Robert Judge

And we're first of all, we have to vote to add it on the agenda.

00:15:35 Robert Judge

But in order to afford the public comment, if somebody would like to.

00:15:42 Robert Judge

Write in to make public comment on that. I would propose, and of course, President Kelly.

00:15:47 Robert Judge

This is entirely up to you. A 5 or 10 minute break if they if the public would like to comment on adding this and that would be the would to add this matter onto this agenda.

00:15:59 Robert Judge

To have them afford them.

00:16:01 Robert Judge

That ability to comment on it as.

00:16:04 Robert Judge

Well.

00:16:06 Alan Moore

Mr. President, if I may, Sir, but also before we move forward with any of that, I would like to have a verification from our legal counsel that, as stated by Mr. Judge, we are within our bounds.

00:16:19 Stuart Breaux

I think we're entirely within our bounds to bring this back up and offer the opportunity for individuals to comment again without.

00:16:26 Stuart Breaux

Any.

00:16:29 Stuart Breaux

Just again we received this.

00:16:31 Stuart Breaux

We want to give people the opportunity, just it just for the fullness of participation.

00:16:37 Stuart Breaux

This was brought to our attention since the past meeting we have confirmed that there were no public comment cards submitted for that agenda item.

00:16:46 Stuart Breaux

But again, just in the spirit of full participation from the public, it definitely can't hurt just to allow it.

00:16:53 Stuart Breaux

You know, if it was in fact something that was not.

00:16:59 Stuart Breaux

If there was no announcement that public comment would be held at that time, then this would certainly be an opportunity for others to participate.

00:17:06 Daniel Kelly

Thank you, Stuart. Thank you, Sir.

00:17:11 Daniel Kelly

So we have a motion, the second.

00:17:16 Daniel Kelly

In favor, aye.

00:17:18 Robert Judge

Point of order. We need to allow.

00:17:21 Robert Judge

the public to if they would like to fill out a form and comment, they may to give them that opportunity before.

00:17:30 Daniel Kelly

I know we had no public comments at the time, so we want to allow the audience few minutes to make public comments.

00:17:36 Rena Bradley

Should we, President reread what they're thinking about?

00:17:43 Rena Bradley

From the minutes.

00:17:43 Daniel Kelly

We can revisit the the marketing, I think.

00:17:47 Stuart Breaux

It would be if if the motion passes then we would, I think, read the agenda item and then offer the.

00:17:52 Daniel Kelly

Have the motion that so yes, Sir.

00:17:54 Robert Judge

The.

00:17:55 Robert Judge

Bring.

00:17:55 Robert Judge

You're entirely correct.

00:17:57 Robert Judge

Procedurally, we would.

00:17:59 Robert Judge

1st we got to take a motion to bring this and put it on the agenda.

00:18:02 Robert Judge

Then we would make a motion.

00:18:04 Robert Judge

I know this is crazy, right.

00:18:06 Robert Judge

But we got then we would make a motion, as Mr. Burrow outlined.

00:18:11 Robert Judge

To take up the motion of the marketing plant and that would be the perfect time to.

00:18:14 Robert Judge

It and then we would let people comment on that so that there would be two votes that would have to take place. One to put it on the agenda and the.

00:18:21 Daniel Kelly4

OK.

00:18:24 Robert Judge

One to carry it out.

00:18:27 Daniel Kelly

Actually, we're going to start a 5 minute.

00:18:32 Daniel Kelly

Is that correct?

00:18:32 Stuart BreauX

I think we need to have the vote on the motion, which was that was that held.

00:18:36 Robert Judge

I don't know. I don't.

00:18:37 Robert Judge

Yeah, they can comment on emotion if they want, if they come, if the public wants to comment on whether or not we should add that motion or not, they can do that.

00:18:49 Stuart BreauX

And.

00:18:49 Stuart BreauX

It wasn't on the agenda, so there'd be no cards.

00:18:51 Stuart BreauX

If there's, if anybody wants to comment.

00:18:53 Nancy

Would anyone like to comment regarding the previous board meeting?

00:19:03 Speaker 2

OK.

00:19:04

All right.

00:19:04 Daniel Kelly

Thank you, Miss Nancy.

00:19:09 Daniel Kelly

All right, so we have a motion in the second.

00:19:12 Daniel Kelly

And all in favor.

00:19:14 Robert Judge

Aye.

00:19:17 Daniel Kelly

Aye's have it in the motion carries.

00:19:21 Daniel Kelly

And we want to.

00:19:23 Stuart Breaux

Is there, I guess we should ask, is there anybody opposed?

00:19:30 Daniel Kelly

Go ahead. Ayes across, right.

00:19:32 Stuart Breaux

Just for the record.

00:19:33 Daniel Kelly

Yes.

00:19:33 Daniel Kelly

For the record, thank you Sir.

00:19:37 Robert Judge

So.

00:19:39 Robert Judge

I'll make a motion now that the marketing plan that was outlined on January 13th meeting.

00:19:49 Robert Judge

And be.

00:19:50 Robert Judge

And Miss Rena, you have.

00:19:54 Robert Judge

Wisely suggested that we read that out loud.

00:19:58 Robert Judge

Please if you would please we can go from the minutes.

00:20:02 Robert Judge

We had just a kind of clear the House a little bit or clear the issue, Mr. Gillane. We had asked him to give to make sure that we gave him the latitude that he needed in order to carry out this plan.

00:20:16 Robert Judge

So with that said.

00:20:19 Robert Judge

And.

00:20:19 Robert Judge

We didn't type up the exact details of that or we no, but we have that on.

00:20:26 Robert Judge

On the recording, yes.

00:20:30 Danny Gillane

We it's on the.

00:20:32 Danny Gillane

We also have a motion was made by Robert Judge for the board to give the director of the permission to submit a proposal to the Professional Services Committee and for the award of a professional services.

00:20:42 Danny Gillane

Related to library marketing into exercise that contract.

00:20:48 Robert Judge

In the minutes. OK, so Miss Rena, if you would please.

00:20:52 Rena Bradley

Yes. So at our last meeting, we discussed the library.

00:20:56 Rena Bradley

We asked Mr. Gillane to give the results of him reaching out to.

00:21:01 Rena Bradley

Five top rated marketing agencies in the area.

00:21:05 Rena Bradley

Three agencies met with the library to discuss in House marketing strengths and weaknesses, the projected cost for a marketing plan would be 7500.

00:21:18 Rena Bradley

This motion was made by Mr. Robert Judge for the board to give the director the permission to submit a proposal to the Professional Services Committee and for the award of a professional services contract related to library marketing.

00:21:34 Rena Bradley

And to exercise that contract, this was seconded by Rena Bradley.

00:21:39 Rena Bradley

The yeas were Mr. Kelly, Mr. Moore, Mr. Judge. Miss Arsement, Miss Bradley.

00:21:47 Rena Bradley

And Mr. Barquette, absent Mr. Padron, the motion carried.

00:21:55 Robert Judge

I'll make that motion.

00:21:58 Daniel Kelly

Fred.

00:22:01 Erasto Padron

Second it.

00:22:03 Daniel Kelly

Any any comments? No comments.

00:22:05 Daniel Breaux

All right.

00:22:06 Daniel Kelly

Thank you.

00:22:07 Stuart Breaux

I think we should allow the opportunity for people to come, since it was not on the agenda.

00:22:13 Stuart Breaux

So if there, this would be the time to give the 5 minutes and if somebody wanted to.

00:22:16 Daniel Kelly

Fill out a card, then if you anyone want to fill out a card concerning the matter, we can do so.

00:22:22 Daniel Kelly

Sir.

00:22:23 Daniel Kelly

Thank you.

00:22:31 Daniel Kelly

Yeah, come on.

00:22:31 Robert Judge

Mr. Duhon, or just completing his sake, if you don't mind, would you please? Yeah, please.

00:22:31 Stuart Breaux

We follow the procedure.

00:22:37 Robert Judge

Have all.

00:22:39 Robert Judge

Yeah, yeah, that's perfect.

00:22:42 Robert Judge

No, that's perfect. Please.

00:22:44 Ella Arsement

Is he the only one from the audience?

00:22:46 Ella Arsement

Would like to fill out a cert.

00:22:51 Ella Arsement

OK.

00:22:53 Ella Arsement

No one else.

00:22:56 Andrew Duhon

I just want to say I want to actually be in support of this.

00:22:59 Andrew Duhon

Think it's a great idea and I'll tell you from.

00:23:02 Andrew Duhon

The.

00:23:04 Andrew Duhon

Beginning a member of the Foundation board.

00:23:06 Andrew Duhon

In the past, we have actually put in significant dollars towards campaigns, especially around mileage renewal time, and this is and I've always advocated that this is something you need, I think.

00:23:17 Andrew Duhon

It's important to let the public know what the library does and its programs so that.

00:23:23 Andrew Duhon

When a time comes, like a mileage renewal, which you would be having, having come up in about a year, that they know what you're doing, that the dollars are being spent wisely.

00:23:32 Andrew Duhon

Kudos to for this. I think I approve it.

00:23:34 Andrew Duhon

I mean, I I I'm in support of it. Totally and.

00:23:38 Andrew Duhon

It's unfortunate it happened the way it did as far as the the you know, getting this up rail, the only thing I have total confidence in Stuart is a good attorney.

00:23:46 Andrew Duhon

I think just just make sure that.

00:23:50 Andrew Duhon

There was not really a requirement for some kind of public notice via the paper or something like that. I'm sure you've looked at all that, Stewart.

00:23:57 Stuart Breaux

On this on this.

00:23:57 Andrew Duhon

You don't have to answer that.

00:23:59 Stuart Breaux

Them.

00:23:59 Andrew Duhon

Yeah.

00:24:00 Stuart Breaux

No, it's within the power of the board to bring matters not on the agenda with a unanimous vote.

00:24:06 Daniel Kelly

Thank you, Sir.

00:24:07 Nancy

Wayne Colvin.

00:24:11 Wayne Colvin

Thank you, Wayne.

00:24:12 Wayne Colvin

Uh, and I read the thing in the minutes and I'm not sure why we got to do.

00:24:19 Wayne Colvin

So much marketing for library board and my concern is that I would like to see more.

00:24:28 Wayne Colvin

Detailed information come from the library says that people would understand why we need these villages and what they're going for and what services we're providing such that, you know, we we don't understand the services being provided in, in the resources that we have.

00:24:46 Wayne Colvin

And yeah, you can market these things and but.

00:24:51 Wayne Colvin

But you need more detailed data more.

00:24:55 Wayne Colvin

Particular information and a lot of times the Minutes don't do it justice to summaries in a newspaper.

00:25:05 Wayne Colvin

Don't do them justice in and certainly the questions from the audience.

00:25:11 Wayne Colvin

Are not addressed so that you don't.

00:25:13 Wayne Colvin

Exactly what's going on.

00:25:16 Wayne Colvin

And that seems to be a big challenge.

00:25:19 Wayne Colvin

So that's why I kind of like, well, if we had more information coming directly, we'd understand all of this. Thank you.

00:25:26

Thank.

00:25:27 Daniel Kelly

You, Mr. Wayne.

00:25:32 Daniel Kelly

Any other comments?

00:25:35 Nancy

End of comments.

00:25:41 Daniel Kelly

So we have a motion in a second on that.

00:25:47 Daniel Kelly

All in favor?

00:25:48

Aye.

00:25:51 Daniel Kelly

The motion carries.

00:25:54 Daniel Kelly

Thank you for that, Mister Judge.

00:26:05 Daniel Kelly

Moving on to discuss new business, library book, discard.

00:26:11 Robert Judge

Approval of minutes.

00:26:14 Daniel Kelly

I'm moving fast.

00:26:52 Ella Arsement

Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2025, regular board meeting.

00:27:02 Rena Bradley

I will second that motion.

00:27:13 Daniel Kelly

We have a motion in the second to approve the meeting. The Minutes for the meeting.

00:27:19 Daniel Kelly

All in favor?

00:27:20 Robert Judge

Mr. President, point of order.

00:27:22 Daniel Kelly

I'm doing it again. God dog it.

00:27:24 Daniel Kelly

I had.

00:27:24 Daniel Kelly

I had an energy drink before I came to the meeting.

00:27:28 Daniel Kelly1

OK.

00:27:28 Daniel Kelly

All right.

00:27:30 Daniel Kelly1

We're going to say something, Mr. Chair.

00:27:31 Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:27:33 Robert Judge

If there's any comments from regarding those, all right.

00:27:35 Nancy

OK, no comments.

00:27:38 Daniel Kelly

Got it.

00:27:41 Daniel Kelly

I have a motion in a second. All in favor.

00:27:45

Aye.

00:27:47 Daniel Kelly

I was having a motion.

00:27:47 Daniel Kelly3

Let's for clarity, let's just ask if there any opposed.

00:27:52 Daniel Kelly

Any opposed?

00:27:54 Daniel Kelly

All right, so we're doing that on everyone, OK, got it.

00:27:58 Daniel Kelly

All right.

00:28:01 Daniel Kelly

It cares.

00:28:07 Daniel Kelly

I'm moving on to the library book, discard.

00:28:10 Daniel Kelly

Or we actually take action related to the disposition of the books.

00:28:19 Danny Gillane

This is just.

00:28:21 Danny Gillane

We do this every couple of months.

00:28:24 Danny Gillane

I sent to the board a list of the books we wish to discard because of condition and the discards because of low use, and we included a.

00:28:39 Danny Gillane

Motion in the in the packet for you to consider.

00:28:46 Ella Arsement

Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion for the library to discard.

00:28:52 Ella Arsement

3390 books haven't been out of use for over a year due to the books being superseded, obsolete, unused, or otherwise unnecessary.

00:29:08 Daniel Kelly0

I'll second that motion.

00:29:16 Daniel Kelly

Motion in a second.

00:29:19 Daniel Kelly

Any public comment?

00:29:20 Daniel Kelly1

No comments.

00:29:25 Daniel Kelly

All in favor?

00:29:26 Ella Arsement

Aye.

00:29:27 Daniel Kelly

Any opposed?

00:29:30 Daniel Kelly2

Not opposed, but I'm going to abstain, Mr. President.

00:29:35 Daniel Kelly

Right eyes have in the motion carries.

00:29:45 Daniel Kelly

All right, we're going to move in to discuss the Northeast Library Board. We discussed and may take any take action on building options and budget recommendation.

00:29:54 Daniel Kelly

I'm turned over to Miss Arsenal.

00:29:56 Ella Arsement

Yes, thank you, miss Maureen or our library consultant is here.

00:30:02 Ella Arsement

She did make a presentation at our meeting as I stated, and if the board is good with it, I'd like Miss Maureen to make a presentation to y'all so that y'all can hear the information first hand.

00:30:16 Ella Arsement

Miss Maureen.

00:30:28 Speaker 6

Thank you.

00:30:33 Daniel Kelly8

Thank you, Miss Ella and the board and all of the committee members in attendance today.

00:30:38 Daniel Kelly8

We are excited to share with you the presentation on the findings for the library space needs for the Northeast Library branch.

00:30:50 Daniel Kelly8

I've been meeting with the committee since October, but I haven't had a lot of interaction with the library board, so I wanted to just introduce myself.

00:31:00 Daniel Kelly8

My name is Maureen.

00:31:01 Daniel Kelly8

I am the principal and founder of 720 design.

00:31:05 Daniel Kelly8

720 is the Dewey Decimal number for architecture.

00:31:09 Daniel Kelly8

We do libraries all across the.

00:31:11 Daniel Kelly8

We're located in Dallas and we've done a lot of work here in Louisiana, but libraries are our passion and we love going through this process.

00:31:20 Daniel Kelly8

Getting to know a community and understanding what the needs are for.

00:31:25 Daniel Kelly8

For space and for services.

00:31:27 Daniel Kelly8

So this is our agenda.

00:31:29 Daniel Kelly8

It's based on the report that I know is part of your packet.

00:31:33 Daniel Kelly8

We'll talk about the methodology and the amazing community input that we received.

00:31:38 Daniel Kelly8

We'll talk about demographics.

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And the needs assessment based on state standards.

00:31:44 Daniel Kelly8

And then talk about the three options that we're presenting to the committee, the Board and the library.

00:31:55 Daniel Kelly8

So one of the very first things that we did was identify what is the criteria for success.

00:32:00 Daniel Kelly8

When we get to this point, what would we look back on and make sure that we had done?

00:32:06 Daniel Kelly8

And one of the first touch points was looking at the original goal for this project back in 2018 was to build a 13,500 square foot library with a 10,000 square foot warehouse.

00:32:21 Daniel Kelly8

A lot has changed since 20.

00:32:22 Daniel Kelly8

Construction cost has changed, the community has changed.

00:32:26 Daniel Kelly8

And so, but having that as the starting point was important.

00:32:31 Daniel Kelly8

We wanted to look at the service gaps, the Northeast region of Parish has a Recreation Center, but no other parish buildings. And So what are the cultural and educational opportunities outside of the schools that we could provide?

00:32:49 Daniel Kelly8

What are the the functionality and the resources that are needed?

00:32:53 Daniel Kelly8

The basics what are the books?

00:32:55 Daniel Kelly8

What's the?

00:32:56 Daniel Kelly8

What are the materials?

00:32:58 Daniel Kelly8

What are the special things that are unique to Northeast region?

00:33:01 Daniel Kelly8

And.

00:33:03 Daniel Kelly8

We talked a lot about really understanding the culture of the Northeast region and we'll talk about this in the when we talk about the input with the Community. But.

00:33:14 Daniel Kelly8

At the Community Open House, we met with Wow women and the 100 men and people showed up and really talked about their passion for the community. And while it was an open house to stay and go, people really stayed and wanted to talk about what was important to.

00:33:29 Daniel Kelly8

Community.

00:33:31 Daniel Kelly8

That it be welcoming and inviting, that this building should open its arms to invite people in for education, for entertainment, perhaps disguise education, disguise as entertainment.

00:33:46 Daniel Kelly8

And to tie the indoors and the outdoors.

00:33:52 Daniel Kelly8

The committee talked to us about how important community engagement was because this is the first library for that region and we really took that to heart and you'll see that in how many people participated.

00:34:05 Daniel Kelly8

I'm looking at accessibility.

00:34:07 Daniel Kelly8

How will people access the?

00:34:09 Daniel Kelly8

How will they get to the building?

00:34:11 Daniel Kelly8

What are things that we can look at it during the design process about bike trails and connecting to walking trails?

00:34:19 Daniel Kelly8

Maybe even talking about rerouting bus routes.

00:34:23 Daniel Kelly8

Technology. You'll hear that a lot in this presentation and read it a lot in the.

00:34:28 Daniel Kelly8

In the report that technology and bridging the digital divide for this region is one of the critical roles of a library branch here and then, just thinking about the the exterior and the function, the aesthetics.

00:34:44 Daniel Kelly8

And what will make this building welcoming to people when they drive by?

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They know it's a.

00:34:49 Daniel Kelly8

Do they know that they're invited in?

00:34:55 Daniel Kelly8

So in conjunction with the library team, the communications group.

00:35:01 Daniel Kelly8

Provided Flyers at all of the libraries for all of the events, there were press releases to television stations to radio stations, to newspapers.

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00:35:11 Daniel Kelly8

I saw Danny get interviewed two or three times at the community input.

00:35:16 Daniel Kelly8

And we have 30 people come to the in person events.

00:35:20 Daniel Kelly8

We did three separate leadership groups where we met with representatives from the school district, from nonprofits, from business leaders, from.

00:35:32 Daniel Kelly8

Government leaders and then we did an online survey where we had almost 1200 people respond.

00:35:43 Daniel Kelly8

This is a picture from the open house at the Recreation Center, and you can see the presses there, people.

00:35:50 Daniel Kelly8

Are at the meeting talking about library possibilities?

00:35:54 Daniel Kelly8

We gave everyone five \$100 bills.

00:35:57 Daniel Kelly8

To slide into envelopes next to library spaces and services at.

00:36:02 Daniel Kelly8

Really made sense to this community.

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And as part of that, there was a top ten list of priorities that were developed.

00:36:11 Daniel Kelly8

Number one children having a dedicated story time and activity space.

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#2A technology training classroom.

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So from the very basics, how do you use a mouse?

00:36:25 Daniel Kelly8

How do you send an e-mail to Excel and PowerPoint and higher level education opportunities?

00:36:33 Daniel Kelly8

#3 was back to science, technology, engineering, art and math.

00:36:37 Daniel Kelly8

This is a library in in Canada that has these stations that they roll out and there's microscopes on them and Jenga, all learning about.

00:36:47 Daniel Kelly8

Science and technology and engineering.

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There was also a lot of comments about exterior spaces because of the location of the site connecting to the nature preserve. Having that opportunity for an outdoor story walk or outdoor walking path was really important.

00:37:07 Daniel Kelly8

And then recognizing that it is a beautiful site and there's opportunity for window seats and to take advantage of views.

00:37:15 Daniel Kelly8

Study rooms. This wasn't surprising in the libraries that we've done across the country.

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Rooms are always in the top 10.

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They're used for studying for job interviews, for webinars.

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I've talked to college kids that take classes in the study rooms, Bible study, knitting, quilting.

00:37:35 Daniel Kelly8

But it's an endless number of uses for those types of spaces.

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And then quiet.

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So back to some of the traditional library spaces of being able to sit and quietly read and contemplate, but also places for the kids to interactively learn.

00:37:55 Daniel Kelly8

Touching and feeling and interacting with words and letters.

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And then the last two were a tie for number 9 and 10 Amisa garden.

00:38:07 Daniel Kelly8

Again, tied to that walking trail and outdoor spaces.

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And then the last one, makerspace. So a place to be able to learn robotics.

00:38:18 Daniel Kelly8

Learn how to 3D print some of those workforce development possibilities.

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From an online survey, we also developed a top ten list which is.

00:38:33 Daniel Kelly8

Slightly different order, but you can see it's very similar to the in person top ten list.

00:38:39 Daniel Kelly8

The community is really on the same page with study rooms, quiet reading.

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Having a place to get a snack?

00:38:48 Daniel Kelly8

So if kids are coming to the library after school, they can get a little snack and a drink before they start studying or interacting with their peers.

00:38:57 Daniel Kelly8

More technology, outdoor seating, small groups, room craft rooms.

00:39:02 Daniel Kelly8

Teen area is number 8 and you'll understand why when we talk about the demographics of who responded to the survey, tutoring spaces and community gardens.

00:39:15 Daniel Kelly8

So where residents respondents live, so this is a chart showing the ZIP codes from all of the respondents you can see.

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7051 is really the area right around the site.

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70506 is just a little bit outside.

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But there was a good response from people all across the parish who cared enough about library services across the parish.

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To respond to the survey.

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And then you can see the age distribution.

00:39:51 Daniel Kelly8

We've done a lot of these across the country and we typically see.

00:39:57 Daniel Kelly8

Most respondents between the ages of 30 and 49. These are generally families with children in school.

00:40:04 Daniel Kelly8

Big users of the library, but you can see on this survey under 18.

00:40:13 Daniel Kelly8

Really. Rock the boat.

00:40:14 Daniel Kelly8

They were off the charts.

00:40:16 Daniel Kelly8

The schools really participated strongly in the online survey.

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They use this as a civics lesson in their classrooms to teach the kids about public participation.

00:40:27 Daniel Kelly8

And so this really speaks to why a teen area was so important in the responses that the teens were really engaged in this process, which is truly amazing.

00:40:44 Daniel Kelly8

So these are some of the themes from the leadership.

00:40:48 Daniel Kelly8

So really, understanding how a library can help with education with economic development, with making the region the best place to live, that it can be.

00:41:00 Daniel Kelly8

And what came up over and over again in all three of the focus groups was library as a central hub to the community.

00:41:08 Daniel Kelly8

And we heard that a lot in the in person open houses as well.

00:41:13 Daniel Kelly8

That this Community finds a place to meet, but having a really great place to meet is important.

00:41:22 Daniel Kelly8

Improved access. We've talked about that bridging the digital divide, STEM and steam.

00:41:28 Daniel Kelly8

Catering to the kids for early childhood learning and tutoring and creating a venue for celebrating local culture, people were really excited about having cultural events at the library, which is unique to.

00:41:46 Daniel Kelly8

Probably not Louisiana, but certainly libraries across the country.

00:41:52 Daniel Kelly8

And then they also wanted to talk about having natural light and vibrant colors and really celebrating the joy of a library space.

00:42:01 Daniel Kelly8

And then of course, as the community leaders balancing ambitions with the budget.

00:42:09 Daniel Kelly8

So in summary about the Community participation we had.

00:42:14 Daniel Kelly8

1200 Lafayette residents come out and share with us their thoughts about a library for the northeast.

00:42:22 Daniel Kelly8

Region and for a branch I will tell you that that is probably five times the next highest level of participation that we typically see.

00:42:34 Daniel Kelly8

So we're really excited about what the community had to say and that they took the time to come out and share it with us.

00:42:44 Daniel Kelly8

So the demographics and needs assessment.

00:42:50 Daniel Kelly8

A library rule of thumb for service is that people are generally willing to drive 3 miles or 20 minutes for a library services.

00:43:00 Daniel Kelly8

And so you can see from these blue lines that's the three mile radius.

00:43:06 Daniel Kelly8

For each of the libraries that we're talking.

00:43:09 Daniel Kelly8

And you can see the Northeast region branch in the upper right hand corner.

00:43:14 Daniel Kelly8

We used urbi numbers that were provided by the Parish Planning Department.

00:43:20 Daniel Kelly8

To determine a population of about 42,000 people over the next five years.

00:43:27 Daniel Kelly8

We know that the age of people that live in this region is younger than other areas of both Lafayette and Louisiana.

00:43:36 Daniel Kelly8

That it's about 73% black and 21% white.

00:43:41 Daniel Kelly8

Really diverse community.

00:43:44 Daniel Kelly8

The high school graduation rate is a little bit lower than Lafayette and so.

00:43:50 Daniel Kelly8

Bachelor's degree rate is also a little bit lower and so this talks to that real need for educational opportunities in the region.

00:44:00 Daniel Kelly8

And then related to education, the household income is significantly lower than the rest of Louisiana.

00:44:06 Daniel Kelly8

And so speaking again to the need for library services, the digital divide.

00:44:15 Daniel Kelly8

We also reference the state standards.

00:44:19 Daniel Kelly8

These are the collection numbers based on a three tiered standard that the state of Louisiana has for collection size and we did use the three mile radius. Although we show all 5.

00:44:34 Daniel Kelly8

All the one, the three and the five mile.

00:44:39 Daniel Kelly8

We also look at public access computers based on the standards.

00:44:43 Daniel Kelly8

So in addition to looking at the standards, because this region is a little different, we also looked at what are other libraries in the parish doing in terms of technology.

00:44:55 Daniel Kelly8

So at three, at a three mile radius population we're looking at and we don't want to do the lowest number because we know technology is really important to this community.

00:45:07 Daniel Kelly8

We need between 28 and 43 public.

00:45:10 Daniel Kelly8

Computers and you can see we haven't gotten to all of the options yet.

00:45:15 Daniel Kelly8

But the options all fall within that range between 22 and 34.

00:45:25 Daniel Kelly8

And then we've included the standard as.

00:45:27 Daniel Kelly8

This is the standard for programming from the state of Louisiana.

00:45:32 Daniel Kelly8

It doesn't have a space and staff and services are all interconnected, and while this only talks about the number of events and programs that happen, the number of events and programs also affect the size of the room and the number of staff.

00:45:49 Daniel Kelly8

And so thinking about these 3 levels that the the.

00:45:52 Daniel Kelly8

State identifies for programming services.

00:45:58 Daniel Kelly8

So we took all of that information.

00:46:02 Daniel Kelly8

The needs of the.

00:46:03 Daniel Kelly8

What the community said to us, the standards, what you're doing.

00:46:07 Daniel Kelly8

In the rest of the parish and developed 3 library space programs.

00:46:14 Daniel Kelly8

Option.

00:46:15 Daniel Kelly8

The largest program is the full wish.

00:46:17 Daniel Kelly8

Program. It has a sixty person community room that could be divisible.

00:46:23 Daniel Kelly8

It has a multipurpose classroom that could be used for technology training.

00:46:27 Daniel Kelly8

It has seven small group study rooms, a quiet reading room.

00:46:32 Daniel Kelly8

The highest level of public computers and dedicated staff space to provide all of the services.

00:46:43 Daniel Kelly8

Option 2 provides most of the community needs.

00:46:48 Daniel Kelly8

From their top ten list, it meets the Louisiana State Collection standards.

00:46:52 Daniel Kelly8

It still has a large community room and a multipurpose classroom.

00:46:57 Daniel Kelly8

It has a smaller number of study rooms 4 instead of 7.

00:47:02 Daniel Kelly8

It has 34PC24P CS instead of 36.

00:47:07 Daniel Kelly8

And it has a slightly reduced staff space.

00:47:13 Daniel Kelly8

And option three at 12,500 square feet is the option that meets the budget that was set in 2018.

00:47:21 Daniel Kelly8

It does meet the state collection standards. It has a smaller community room. It does not have a public multi purpose classroom for technology.

00:47:32 Daniel Kelly8

It only has two study rooms.

00:47:34 Daniel Kelly8

It has the lowest number of technology and a much reduced staff space in order to meet the budget from 2018.

00:47:48 Daniel Kelly8

And so we also looked at really high level at.

00:47:53 Daniel Kelly8

The next steps tonight we're presenting to you.

00:47:58 Daniel Kelly8

If a direction is given, the design could begin in March.

00:48:04 Daniel Kelly8

We can finish the design by the early spring of 2026.

00:48:12 Daniel Kelly8

Bidding can take a month or two and then begin construction, which is probably about 18 months.

00:48:23 Daniel Kelly8

And with that, we'll open it up for any questions.

00:48:33 Rena Bradley

I have a.

00:48:34 Rena Bradley

It's miss Maureen, right? Yes. OK.

00:48:38 Rena Bradley

You mentioned that on the northeast side of town.

00:48:43 Rena Bradley

That we have a Recreation Center, but no other public parish facilities.

00:48:49 Rena Bradley

So my question is, in your experience, when a library is built in an area that lacks other public resources, what are some of the library features you've seen be the most significant?

00:49:03 Daniel Kelly8

It's usually 2 spaces.

00:49:06 Daniel Kelly8

The two spaces when we're building a library and a community that doesn't have one are that are most important are generally.

00:49:14 Daniel Kelly8

The big Community room, because meeting spaces are at a shortage in lots of communities and this one seems to be similar in that case.

00:49:26 Daniel Kelly8

That's why that top level had so many different types of meeting spaces at.

00:49:32 Daniel Kelly8

Thinking of this library as a community hub, having lots of ways for the community to use the space for educational and cultural events was a priority.

00:49:43 Rena Bradley

Thank you.

00:50:03 Ella Arsement

Miss Maureen for the music garden.

00:50:07 Ella Arsement

What is the cost to install something like that and also the maintenance?

00:50:11 Ella Arsement

Cost for that type of umm.

00:50:16 Ella Arsement

Structure.

00:50:18 Daniel Kelly8

I think there's a broad range masala and it depends on what type and how many.

00:50:25 Daniel Kelly8

That is something that could potentially happen over time.

00:50:30 Daniel Kelly8

We've installed them in a couple of libraries, are really popular and they're made to be outdoors, so they're really durable.

00:50:36 Daniel Kelly8

They haven't been installed long enough for me to. There have been any complaints back yet.

00:50:42 Daniel Kelly8

But it's also something you could put in one or two or three in the first year and add to it.

00:50:49 Ella Arsement

Add to it.

00:50:51 Daniel Kelly8

A new one every couple of years to keep it changing and and interesting you could even.

00:50:57 Daniel Kelly8

Intersperse it with lots of libraries are doing story walks and so having frames for different stories as you're playing music, you could be reading a page of the story as you walk along and really make it a nature and library experience.

00:51:12 Ella Arsement

This is one of the things I was excited about for the kids.

00:51:16 Ella Arsement

I hope the politically.

00:51:17 Daniel Kelly8

They're actually really popular as seniors also.

00:51:23 Ella Arsement

I can see.

00:51:23 Daniel Kelly8

That I kind of like them too.

00:51:26 Danny Gillane

Hmm.

00:51:29 Daniel Kelly2

Maureen, I have a question or two and I want to thank you and your team for doing a fantastic job.

00:51:35 Daniel Kelly2

The whole committee that really worked hard and I'm really excited to hear.

00:51:41 Daniel Kelly2

The engagement that we saw from the public and just everyone that was so concerned and wanting to make sure that we do what's right for our Lafayette Public Library system in our community. With that, I got this spreadsheet here.

00:51:57 Daniel Kelly2

I don't.

00:51:58 Daniel Kelly2

Did your team put that together or is that something Mr. Gilane and our team put together in House?

00:52:05 Wayne Colvin

Someone gave.

00:52:05

A string.

00:52:08

And.

00:52:09 Danny Gillane

Staff.

00:52:13 Danny Gillane

Ella gave us the framework and my staff put it together.

00:52:16 Andrew Duhon

OK.

00:52:17 Daniel Kelly2

Well then you.

00:52:18 Daniel Kelly2

Can please feel free to chime in.

00:52:20 Daniel Kelly2

You done a lot of.

00:52:21 Daniel Kelly2

And then.

00:52:23 Daniel Kelly2

Mr. Lane, maybe you can give me a little bit of feedback.

00:52:27 Daniel Kelly2

I love hearing all of the the public's perspective.

00:52:31 Daniel Kelly2

And their desire for what they think we, you know, need in this library.

00:52:37 Daniel Kelly2

Responsibilities. Perspective. I like for the numbers to really be able to speak to us, knowing that we're not a massive library system, but we do have many branches around the city.

00:52:51 Daniel Kelly2

I kind of comb through this and I did not see where we kind of took the radius perspective as to how many people were around each branch.

00:53:03 Daniel Kelly2

And my question, First off directly would be the population.

00:53:07 Daniel Kelly2

That's listed here.

00:53:08 Daniel Kelly2

Is that a one mile, three mile five mile population on this spreadsheet? Do y'all know?

00:53:26 Ella Arsement

That was going to be one of my questions to ask.

00:53:29 Ella Arsement

Awesome.

00:53:30 Daniel Kelly8

What we use in the report was the three mile radius.

00:53:34 Daniel Kelly8

I'm. I'm not sure what's on the.

00:53:37 Ella Arsement

He's right.

00:53:38 Dawn Williams

He's.

00:53:39 Ella Arsement

Asking about the information that we got from the library staff.

00:53:43 Danny Gillane

Oh, OK for that one, I believe we used three mile radius, but when I sent this out to the board, we put this together today.

00:53:53 Danny Gillane

So.

00:53:54 Daniel Kelly2

And I and I appreciate it's a lot of great information, but I guess the point that I'm I'm trying to lend into is, you know with any investment that has to be made, we have to be held accountable to utilization. And I think that as we surge.

00:54:10 Daniel Kelly2

Across our system.

00:54:12 Daniel Kelly2

The size of the library, the feature sets of the library I think you have done a phenomenal job in giving us a very bulleted, categorized and prioritized list as to the feature sets that that library needs. But honestly, I would like to better understand.

00:54:30 Daniel Kelly2

The service that each library has in each region around our city with the surrounding populace and the utilization that we're getting.

00:54:38 Daniel Kelly2

You know, because we're talking about 2018/2016, some work was even being done and we've, you know, set aside multiple millions of dollars for a certain size library and and we've come back.

00:54:52 Daniel Kelly2

Mean we're going from 13,500?

00:54:55 Daniel Kelly2

To 20,000 not only from 2018, construction cost estimates to 2024 construction cost estimates.

00:55:02 Daniel Kelly2

I'm glad we're not going to survey omelets because we definitely can't afford that today.

00:55:06 Daniel Kelly2

Right, with the price of everything that is just gone skyrocket so.

00:55:11 Daniel Kelly2

I would like to ask if we can look at it from that perspective, from a engagement and utilization rate with looking at each one of the libraries that we have, what is that populace within a radius and then what type of utilization are we seeing in those areas?

00:55:28 Daniel Kelly2

And we can take.

00:55:30 Daniel Kelly2

All kind of different things into consideration.

00:55:34 Daniel Kelly2

With that, as we kind of look at it, but I would need personally some more quantifiable information.

00:55:41 Daniel Kelly2

For me to even be willing to entertain a vote.

00:55:44 Daniel Kelly2

To put that many more millions towards the library and I'll be the first to say that I'm willing to do that if it's what our people need.

00:55:53 Daniel Kelly2

I'm just with everything I've heard and seen and listen, it's a lot of information and as Mr. Gillain just said, this big old spreadsheet just came out.

00:56:02 Daniel Kelly2

Ella's spitting out information trying to get us keep us abreast as much as possible, as efficiently as quickly as possible.

00:56:09 Daniel Kelly2

It's a lot to digest and so.

00:56:13 Daniel Kelly2

I think that that's.

00:56:14 Daniel Kelly2

That's one issue and just some quick rough math that I did.

00:56:17 Daniel Kelly2

You know, S regionals 37,006.

00:56:20 Daniel Kelly2

Feet and according to this again I don't know what the population radius is, but it says 121,000. So that's .30 square feet per person.

00:56:31 Daniel Kelly2

You look at East Regional, 15,000 square feet, 32,000 population, 500 roughly that we serve and that's .46.

00:56:40 Daniel Kelly2

If we take into consideration, we're going to about 40,000 and we're looking at a 20,000 square foot library. Those numbers kind of align, but I just, I really want to understand the utilization of each one of our facilities and make sure that this is going to.

00:56:55 Daniel Kelly2

Money that's well spent. Does that make sense?

00:57:04 Rena Bradley

Mr. President, may I make a comment?

00:57:08 Rena Bradley

OK. In regard to Mr. Moore's statement, I would like to point out that this side of the corridor does not have a library.

00:57:19 Rena Bradley

And it is a very large population, or else this wasn't. This wouldn't have been proposed initially in 2018.

00:57:27 Rena Bradley

But I also want to come back to the survey responses of those that are under 18 who are engaged.

00:57:35 Rena Bradley

The vastly growing part of that area of town.

00:57:39 Rena Bradley

The demographics of the population under 49, which is outlined in our booklets.

00:57:48 Rena Bradley

If you look at the tab that I gave you, it would be Tab 3.

00:57:57 Daniel Kelly9

We have.

00:58:00 Rena Bradley

55% of the population under 39.

00:58:04 Rena Bradley

So this is growing.

00:58:06 Rena Bradley

So if we look at the consideration of utilization currently, I don't know that that would give us a as good of a answer that we may feel.

00:58:17 Rena Bradley

We need to be confident in this vote by the time this library opens in 2027 or 2028.

00:58:25 Rena Bradley

The fact remains that this has been a ongoing.

00:58:29 Rena Bradley

Discussion and consideration and the public is here.

00:58:34 Rena Bradley

They are ready for us to make this decision and I know it's a hefty one, but that's that's what's entailed as a public servant.

00:58:43 Rena Bradley

And so I'd like to pay respect to those.

00:58:46 Rena Bradley

That have.

00:58:47 Rena Bradley

Dedicated a lot of time into advocating for.

00:58:51 Rena Bradley

I agree with where you're coming from, but I'm concerned that if we only look at utilization.

00:58:58 Rena Bradley

Particularly if you look at the vast difference of South regional, it's 37,000 square feet and this is our Max consideration today is 20,000.

00:59:08 Rena Bradley

It's that's a third in reduction of size and this would be the only library on that side of the corridor.

00:59:15 Rena Bradley

I'll just leave it at that.

00:59:18 Daniel Kelly2

Appreciate that, Miss Rena, I would also.

00:59:21 Daniel Kelly2

Like to comment that is serving 121,000 people as well?

00:59:25 Daniel Kelly2

So it's it's it's much larger.

00:59:25 Rena Bradley

And what's our population for the Northeast corridor, the northeast side?

00:59:29 Daniel Kelly2

I mean, from what we're looking at in the 40,000 range.

00:59:33 Rena Bradley

Is that considered travel from outside of a five mile radius?

00:59:37

Nothing.

00:59:37 Daniel Kelly2

I think that was the three mile, is that correct?

00:59:41 Rena Bradley

3.

00:59:41 Rena Bradley

So that's not even considering a 5MG radius.

00:59:44 Daniel Kelly2

And again, I don't know what this radius is considering, but it's it's still three times the amount of people that's being served by 37,000, and I'm not disagreeing.

00:59:45 Speaker 2

5MG.

00:59:53 Rena Bradley

Currently.

00:59:54 Rena Bradley

Currently it's growing, though I'm not disagreeing.

00:59:56 Daniel Kelly2

I also would like to look at the numbers from a perspective of what is the increased construction cost, not only for the additional space, but also in 2024 as well as what is the increase in operational cost.

01:00:11 Daniel Kelly2

Because obviously we're going to a much larger facility. And so we look at you know the number of.

01:00:17 Daniel Kelly2

Personnel that we have working at the 37,000 square foot facility is 27 versus 12 is.

01:00:24 Daniel Kelly2

So that I just believe from my perspective, I would like to see a lot more support from an operational cost, a utilization rate to build a better, make a decision.

01:00:37 Daniel Kelly2

And make sure that this is the right thing. 'cause. I'm not saying I'm against it. I'm just saying I don't feel I have all the data to be able to make an.

01:00:43 Daniel Kelly2

Decision at this point, Mr. President, maybe recognize this.

01:00:48 Robert Judge

Thank you.

01:00:52 Robert Judge

Was very impressed with all of the hard work that's been done as y'all remember some time ago I might even been as early as sometime in 2021. We have to go back and look at the Minutes.

01:01:07 Robert Judge

This board I I shouldn't say this board because at the time I'm the only one who was on the board then, but kind of got this ball rolling.

01:01:17 Robert Judge

And and began to get this ball rolling from the the 2018-2019 when and this actually it was a contract that was signed in 2019 by the then Mayor, Joel Roberto, to begin this project.

01:01:32 Robert Judge

It didn't go anywhere. It sat.

01:01:35 Robert Judge

And then we moved this forward.

01:01:38 Robert Judge

One of the things that I did in just a little research and these numbers, these demographics are very important and as you noted South and and main the two largest libraries by far. If anyone's been out to Apollo Drive.

01:01:56 Robert Judge

There is a lot of.

01:01:57 Robert Judge

A lot of new housing in that area, Youngsville.

01:02:01 Robert Judge

There are two articles that were written in the last year from 2023.

01:02:07 Robert Judge

I can't believe I'm quoting a newspaper.

01:02:10 Robert Judge

But February 22.

01:02:12 Robert Judge

Actually, it's digital.

01:02:14 Robert Judge

Reporting this was from the current and it talks about the.

01:02:20 Robert Judge

Lafayette's population doughnut is growing.

01:02:25 Robert Judge

And basically the conclusion is, is that the city of Lafayette proper is losing population and the surrounding areas.

01:02:36 Robert Judge

Particularly Youngsville and Broussard. And as you move to Scott and and Milton area are actually growing.

01:02:44 Robert Judge

The growth in Lafayette Parish is on the outskirts of the unincorporated.

01:02:49 Robert Judge

Outside of Lafayette city itself.

01:02:54 Robert Judge

And again, this is from current March of 2024. In February 22, 2023, I can enter this into the record if if anybody would like to have copies of it. I won't personally make you copies, but I'm sure you we can get copies and.

01:03:09 Robert Judge

Enter it into the record for and that's a consideration.

01:03:12 Robert Judge

So.

01:03:14 Robert Judge

One of the issues that's been brought up over and over and over again is we don't have any real hard data.

01:03:22 Robert Judge

You know what's this going to? You know how many people are we going to be serving?

01:03:26 Robert Judge

That doesn't mean that it doesn't.

01:03:28 Robert Judge

Not a need.

01:03:29 Robert Judge

It's not an act of justice, certainly to to have this done.

01:03:34 Robert Judge

At the same time.

01:03:37 Robert Judge

At the same time, Mr. Allen, to your point about being prudent and making sure that what we do do.

01:03:45 Robert Judge

When when pulling the trigger on it is the right thing to do and and I'll give you some examples.

01:03:49 Robert Judge

Now, I don't know Larry numbers.

01:03:55 Robert Judge

Tonight you heard this windows leaking this roof leaking.

01:04:00 Robert Judge

Those all of those costs go into things that we have to consider and along with the rising of salaries because of a devaluation of the currency. Of course that's a consideration.

01:04:11 Robert Judge

And and one other thing that sticks in my mind.

01:04:14 Robert Judge

In 2021.

01:04:17 Robert Judge

Maybe March ish.

01:04:20 Robert Judge

We approved this board approved to move forward with renovating North Regional Library.

01:04:28 Robert Judge

That was four years ago now, right at pushing four years, not one nail has been driven.

01:04:34 Robert Judge

I don't think one piece of material has been ordered yet. If I'm wrong on that, Danny, correct me please.

01:04:42 Robert Judge

But it's, you know, it took four years and that's just renovating a project.

01:04:48 Robert Judge

And it's because of the governmental red tape that exists.

01:04:51 Robert Judge

Nothing to do with the.

01:04:52 Robert Judge

Didn't want to move forward with.

01:04:53 Robert Judge

We did want to move forward with it and we approved.

01:04:56 Robert Judge

Removed it, but to your point about construction costs, we approved to put a metal roof on North Regional library.

01:05:04 Robert Judge

Because they're permanent.

01:05:05 Robert Judge

You put a roof up. It lasts 50.

01:05:07 Robert Judge

You're not going back and fixing it in 15 years like we're doing now with two roofs and we just fixed main.

01:05:13 Robert Judge

These are thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars. We approve the metal roof on North Regional library.

01:05:20 Robert Judge

Was \$162,000 to have it done when we approved.

01:05:24 Robert Judge

Removed it the last time the architect met with us sometime last year and I can't remember the exact date.

01:05:30 Robert Judge

It was over 325.

01:05:33 Robert Judge

I think it was 3 almost \$360,000. It more than doubled in cost and so.

01:05:39 Robert Judge

There is a problem that we're running into with the cost and so not only this idea of.

01:05:50 Robert Judge

Expanding, you know, putting 7000 more square feet.

01:05:55 Robert Judge

Along with.

01:05:58 Robert Judge

That that just in that construction cost is exponential.

01:06:03 Robert Judge

I mean, again, I don't have any hard math on what it would cost then and why was this amount of money put.

01:06:11 Robert Judge

I think it was based on West Regional was kind of the same size ish. That was the original idea.

01:06:16 Robert Judge

That it would serve roughly that same population demographic.

01:06:22 Robert Judge

But the truth is, is that as far as population growth.

01:06:27 Robert Judge

It that's not an area of expansive growth, the expansive growth in Lafayette Parish.

01:06:32 Robert Judge

According to this article, and I'm assuming they got their demographics from.

01:06:38 Robert Judge

Reliable sources I'm assuming.

01:06:42 Robert Judge

Is in Youngsville Broussard, and we know that we can drive around the city and see it.

01:06:48 Robert Judge

Again, it doesn't mean that this doesn't need to be.

01:06:50 Robert Judge

I wouldn't roll the ball down the hill if it didn't need to be done.

01:06:53 Robert Judge

It needs to be done, but it needs to be done right.

01:06:56 Robert Judge

Needs to be done prudently and the report that we got from the committee.

01:07:02 Robert Judge

Was four days ago.

01:07:04 Robert Judge

And I think.

01:07:07 Robert Judge

Pretty irresponsible.

01:07:11 Robert Judge

To ask a board to spend that amount of taxpayer money without having time to really digest it.

01:07:19 Robert Judge

Have the time to ask a lot of questions and get some real hard numbers and be very comfortable with we did the right thing and we we did it prudently.

01:07:29 Robert Judge

For the people whose money it is, which is not mine.

01:07:33 Robert Judge

A little bit of its mind, but not all of its mind, right? It belongs to everybody. Every person who pays taxes in the city, in the parish shall laugh, yet it belongs to them.

01:07:43 Robert Judge

And that's where we got it.

01:07:44 Robert Judge

And we want to show that we did the right thing by them.

01:07:48 Robert Judge

From everyone concerned, and that's one of the issues, right is put it a top priorities of the Community to make sure that's incorporated into the design so that it reflects that Community. And adhering to a budget that we have.

01:08:02 Robert Judge

And and what's available to us?

01:08:05 Rena Bradley

Mr. President, may I make a comment?

01:08:08 Rena Bradley

In regard to the growth on the southern side of the parish, that is not deniable and I appreciate Mr. Judges input and his information on that.

01:08:21 Rena Bradley

I would like to come back to a point that was made by Miss Maureen about.

01:08:26 Rena Bradley

How the northeast side does not have any public.

01:08:31 Rena Bradley

Recreational sort of facilities other than one.

01:08:34 Rena Bradley

So when we consider reducing the size of.

01:08:37 Rena Bradley

Square feet.

01:08:38 Rena Bradley

Sure, there may be some sort of consideration that the population may not need the library in terms of the books, but it's a central hub.

01:08:47 Rena Bradley

Not just a place of checking in and out books, it's a place of.

01:08:53 Rena Bradley

Computer access. Charging your phone.

01:08:56 Rena Bradley

Letting kids have adequate access to say that the northeast side is not growing.

01:09:04 Rena Bradley

Or at least it's not growing at the same rate the South side, I think is frustrating probably for a lot of people in this room to hear because they see it growing.

01:09:12 Rena Bradley

I drive past it every day because I live on the north side and so my alternative perspective would be it's not 20,000 or 17,000 square feet.

01:09:23 Rena Bradley

That's too much for a small population.

01:09:26 Rena Bradley

It's the only square feet for that population.

01:09:31 Danny Gillane

Mr. President, may I clarify something on on this page?

01:09:37 Danny Gillane

OK so.

01:09:39 Robert Judge

This.

01:09:40 Danny Gillane

Yes, Sir.

01:09:40 Speaker 2

Thank you.

01:09:41 Danny Gillane

So the population that we've been talking about for.

01:09:47 Danny Gillane

The Northeast Library is.

01:09:52 Danny Gillane

The three mile radius, the population you're looking at on the giant spreadsheet.

01:09:58 Danny Gillane

So for East Regional, it's actually the combined population of Broussard and Youngsville.

01:10:04 Danny Gillane

It's not a radius.

01:10:06 Danny Gillane

For Maine, Chenier and South Regional, it is the population of the city of Lafayette.

01:10:13 Danny Gillane

Is not a three mile radius.

01:10:16 Danny Gillane

To give you some perspective, we are 7 1/2 miles away from South Regional at the moment.

01:10:22 Danny Gillane

West Regional is the population of Scott.

01:10:25 Danny Gillane

Milton is the census designated place population and Dusan as the population of Dusan. When we're putting this together today.

01:10:34 Danny Gillane

I assembled as many people as I could who could get the information and I did not.

01:10:41 Danny Gillane

Ellen, I did not spend a lot of time talking about this.

01:10:44 Danny Gillane

There was a lot going on so we did not do radius.

01:10:47 Danny Gillane

We could do that, but that is not what we actually did.

01:10:51 Danny Gillane

So I just wanted to clarify so that you can compare apples to apples.

01:10:56 Robert Judge

Thank you.

01:10:56 Speaker 2

You.

01:10:58 Daniel Kelly2

Mr. President, make a comment.

01:11:00 Daniel Kelly2

Thank you for that, Miss Bradley. Thank you.

01:11:03 Daniel Kelly2

Acknowledge that and I.

01:11:05 Daniel Kelly2

I want to be crystal clear about my position. I think this board before even I was on it back whenever Mr. Judge was one of the only that are still remaining.

01:11:16 Daniel Kelly2

I think the fiscal responsibility that this board has exerted has put the library in a phenomenal place.

01:11:26 Daniel Kelly2

Our financials are public.

01:11:28 Daniel Kelly2

We have a very healthy fund balance.

01:11:31 Daniel Kelly2

If the data comes back and says that we need to have a 25,000 square foot library.

01:11:37 Daniel Kelly2

I'm in favor of that.

01:11:39 Daniel Kelly2

I'm not trying to minimize anything, I'm trying to make sure.

01:11:43 Daniel Kelly2

That we are providing the best service to our parish as we possibly can while showing financial austerity, because that is what's going to ensure the longevity of this library system for generations to come.

01:12:01 Daniel Kelly2

Com. And if we just go through a beautifully put together presentation with a.

01:12:08 Daniel Kelly2

Of work.

01:12:09 Daniel Kelly2

But I don't have clarity. Then I can't lay my head on my pillow at night and know that I did the right thing with your money and my money.

01:12:17 Daniel Kelly2

For our children and making sure that our library system is going to be here for generations to come.

01:12:22 Daniel Kelly2

I.

01:12:22 Daniel Kelly2

I wanted to clearly state that's my position.

01:12:26 Daniel Kelly2

I just don't feel like I have enough data and information, and it may be in there because a lot has come in the last week.

01:12:33 Daniel Kelly2

I just don't feel like I have that proper information at this point in time and Mr. Glenn, I would like to look at that utilization in those radiuses to get a better idea of exactly what we need. If you don't mind, please.

01:12:46 Speaker 20

Thank you.

01:12:46 Rena Bradley

Mr.

01:12:47 Rena Bradley

May be recognized. Mr. Gillain. May I ask you, can we afford the 20,000 square foot library?

01:12:55 Danny Gillane

Construction.

01:12:57 Rena Bradley

Shore.

01:12:58 Danny Gillane

Yes.

01:12:59 Rena Bradley

Thank you.

01:13:01 Ella Arsement

One thing we have to remember is that it's not just this library.

01:13:06 Ella Arsement

That we're building that this board is charged with overseeing, it's going to be 10 libraries.

01:13:13 Ella Arsement

And so I do appreciate Mr. Moore, your.

01:13:18 Ella Arsement

What you stated because I'm like you, I need to see things laid out and I like to see them side by side because you can talk about one thing here. You can talk about one thing here, but if and that's awesome. Good. I'm gonna understand it. But when?

01:13:34 Ella Arsement

Going to go back to think.

01:13:35 Ella Arsement

About it, when it's side by side, there's no doubt what I'm gonna remember because it's right there for us to see.

01:13:42 Ella Arsement

So I do appreciate you saying that and that is one of the reasons that I did ask for this information and I apologize that it came late.

01:13:51 Ella Arsement

But it was something that I had thought OK with the committee meeting.

01:13:57 Ella Arsement

There was not enough clarity for me after that meeting and I wanted to see information side by side, so that's why I reached out to Mr. Gillain to ask him.

01:14:07 Ella Arsement

To give us that information and I'd like to, when we move forward, doing things as a committee or excuse me as a board.

01:14:15 Ella Arsement

I want to see side by side information.

01:14:18 Ella Arsement

It helps us, you know, understand what we're asked to vote on and.

01:14:26 Robert Judge

Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that the any action on this.

01:14:37 Robert Judge

The proposal be postponed indefinitely.

01:14:42 Robert Judge

Until.

01:14:46 Robert Judge

I'm sorry, I have the floor.

01:14:48 Daniel Kelly

Yes, Sir.

01:14:49 Robert Judge

We make a motion to postpone this indefinitely.

01:14:53 Robert Judge

Under Robert's rules of order, doing so would take it out of this meeting and it would be placed on the agenda at another time.

01:15:02 Robert Judge

It has to do with technicalities of that or tabling it. You don't want to table it.

01:15:07 Robert Judge

Again, it's just a technicality, but that's my motion and I would ask for a second.

01:15:13 Daniel Kelly2

I'll second the motion.

01:15:27 Daniel Kelly

Mr. Danny.

01:15:29 Daniel Kelly

How soon?

01:15:32 Robert Judge

I'm sorry, point of order.

01:15:32 Daniel Kelly

Can we?

01:15:34 Robert Judge

We have a motion in a second and with that we would.

01:15:38 Robert Judge

We would have then asked if there's any public comment on the motion to postpone.

01:15:43 Daniel Kelly

12.

01:15:44 Robert Judge

Yeah. And then from there we would.

01:15:46 Robert Judge

And then that's all the comment would just be on that motion, not on.

01:15:51 Robert Judge

The particulars of the.

01:15:56 Robert Judge

The library itself.

01:16:00 Robert Judge

That's my point of order.

01:16:09 Daniel Kelly0

Mr. President, can we still do questions?

01:16:13 Daniel Kelly0

No.

01:16:13 Daniel Kelly0

OK.

01:16:19 Robert Judge

Nobody.

01:16:20 Robert Judge

There's no, there's no discussion on the postpone indefinitely.

01:16:23 Robert Judge

It just goes to a vote.

01:16:26 Rena Bradley

Why is there no discussion?

01:16:30 Robert Judge

Because it's because of the nature of the motion.

01:16:34 Robert Judge

So they would have. You can just you can after, but on the on on them on, OK.

01:16:36 Daniel Kelly

All right, so.

01:16:43 Daniel Kelly

So we have a.

01:16:47 Daniel Kelly

We.

01:16:47 Daniel Kelly

We have a motion in a.

01:16:49 Daniel Kelly

And then we're going to move to take public comments.

01:16:53 Ella Arsement

No, no, not table.

01:16:53 Daniel Kelly

The most of the.

01:16:54 Robert Judge

Motion not.

01:16:55 Robert Judge

It's a postponed indefinitely. That's the motion.

01:17:00 Daniel Kelly

Have some comments.

01:17:00 Daniel Kelly1

We have a Miss Olcers.

01:17:01 Speaker 21

Like.

01:17:07 Speaker 5

1st, I would be remiss.

01:17:10 Speaker 5

If I didn't congratulate Matthew Humphries for fighting the good fight for over three years.

01:17:16 Speaker 5

He got, he got, he got.

01:17:16 Robert Judge

A point of order point of order.

01:17:18 Speaker 5

Me go northeast he.

01:17:20 Speaker 2

Point point of order.

01:17:21 Speaker 5

Go northeast. He he got vindication and an apology from the judge from a clear First Amendment violation.

01:17:28 Speaker 2

Point of order point of order. Point of order.

01:17:30 Speaker 5

Matthew.

01:17:31 Speaker 5

I strongly recommend.

01:17:32 Speaker 5

And that we do not delay indefinitely this this ruling.

01:17:40 Speaker 5

Let me correct something that Mister Judge said or let me just say something that Mister Judge didn't say.

01:17:47 Speaker 5

Northeast has been waiting since 2011.

01:17:51 Speaker 5

It's not going to get cheaper. I don't know if you know, but the United States has put a madman in the presidential election. So what I say.

01:18:02 Speaker 5

Of order point of order.

01:18:04 Speaker 2

Point of order.

01:18:04 Speaker 5

Let me tell you something, since 2011 that my neighborhood has been waiting for this library.

01:18:05 Robert Judge

The motion is to postpone and that's it.

01:18:12 Speaker 5

2011 ma'am. Thank you.

01:18:18 Speaker 5

Thank you so.

01:18:19 Speaker 5

Thank you so much, Miss Maureen, for being here.

01:18:22 Speaker 5

Appreciate you.

01:18:25 Daniel Kelly1

Pablo Mejia.

01:18:33 Speaker 22

Probably here Lafayette Parish.

01:18:39 Speaker 22

I've been coming to this board meetings for.

01:18:43 Speaker 22

Few years now.

01:18:44 Speaker 22

And this is this is all addressing your motion, OK?

01:18:49 Speaker 22

So I'm clear about that.

01:18:51 Speaker 22

This is the second committee related to the Northeast Regional Library that has happened just in the time.

01:18:57 Speaker 22

I've been here.

01:18:59 Speaker 22

Not since 2011. So I mean, that's 14 years, OK.

01:19:04 Speaker 22

Tabling this this.

01:19:07 Speaker 22

Indefinitely. OK.

01:19:10 Speaker 22

You guys are saying, oh, construction costs are increasing, they've been increasing since 2011.

01:19:19 Speaker 22

You say that you need additional information.

01:19:22 Speaker 22

This is the second committee.

01:19:24 Speaker 22

It shows an utter lack of respect for the citizens of this parish that you form committees.

01:19:31 Speaker 22

That you do not give an agenda or a charter to collect the information you feel that you actually need to make a decision.

01:19:38 Speaker 22

So then what you do is you just. Oh, well, I don't know enough.

01:19:42 Speaker 22

So I can't make a fiscally responsible decision.

01:19:45 Speaker 22

Well, it's your job to know enough.

01:19:46 Speaker 22

It's your job to figure out what it is that those committees need to provide to you in order to make that decision to be fiscally responsible.

01:19:55 Speaker 22

I can tell you what's not fiscally responsible.

01:19:57 Speaker 22

What you continue to do? Which.

01:20:00 Speaker 22

Is just delay delay.

01:20:03 Speaker 22

You mentioned prices keep on going. You mentioned that they're doubling, OK.

01:20:08 Speaker 22

So let's delay some more then what?

01:20:11 Speaker 22

Can buy a tent because.

01:20:14 Speaker 22

At the end in 2050, when you finally make a decision, that's all we'll be able to afford.

01:20:20 Speaker 22

What I see is you reaching into my pocket as a taxpayer.

01:20:25 Speaker 22

Just burning the money that I pay because you don't do anything with it.

01:20:30 Speaker 22

Just waiting around for.

01:20:32 Speaker 22

What? You can't even you cannot even state what it is.

01:20:36 Speaker 22

You put together a report. It doesn't have the right information.

01:20:40 Speaker 22

You do it at the last minute. If you're going to table this.

01:20:43 Speaker 22

You should at least have the decency to say this is the info that I need in order to make a decision.

01:20:49 Speaker 22

Whatever that info is, at least say what it is and do something to collect it.

01:20:57 Daniel Kelly1

Wayne Colvin.

01:20:59 Daniel Kelly1

Colvin. Yes. She called you Mr. Colvin.

01:21:04 Wayne Colvin

Wayne Gallvin I commend the board for delaying this because.

01:21:10 Wayne Colvin

There is more information to be developed on this and you don't want to hastily make it.

01:21:15 Wayne Colvin

Know the final committee meeting was just a few days ago.

01:21:20 Wayne Colvin

And then I understand y'all were handed additional information.

01:21:24 Wayne Colvin

Just I don't know today, yesterday or when.

01:21:28 Wayne Colvin

And you know, the public hadn't even seen that information.

01:21:32 Wayne Colvin

So how can we provide information to y'all? You know this thing is changing and there's more information to come.

01:21:38 Wayne Colvin

You haven't even heard the public comments yet, so I think it's yes, because you can't undo once you start moving this thing forward.

01:21:47 Wayne Colvin

So I think that's the right decision and I applaud you for doing so.

01:21:52 Daniel Kelly1

Melanie champagne.

01:21:56 Daniel Kelly5

Melanie Shoppy in Lafayette Parish.

01:21:58 Daniel Kelly5

Quick note, can we cut the crap because nobody believes that you or serious about building this library, 2018-2019, 2000, 2020 1:20, 2/23/24.

01:22:10 Daniel Kelly5

You didn't do your homework.

01:22:12 Daniel Kelly5

That is not our problem.

01:22:13 Daniel Kelly5

You came unprepared.

01:22:15 Daniel Kelly5

You had ample.

01:22:16 Daniel Kelly5

Ample committees, ample data, ample excel sheets to build this library.

01:22:22 Daniel Kelly5

We do.

01:22:24 Daniel Kelly5

It is time to stop saying that you don't have enough or it's enough time or you need to look at it some more.

01:22:31 Daniel Kelly5

How many years do you need to read an Excel sheet? How many years?

01:22:35 Daniel Kelly5

Many committees.

01:22:36 Daniel Kelly5

How many people gathering information do you need to build a library that started in 2018?

01:22:43 Daniel Kelly5

What I didn't hear is the word children, because this population you keep talking about, you know what's behind that word?

01:22:49 Daniel Kelly5

Human.

01:22:50 Daniel Kelly5

Children who need a library.

01:22:52 Daniel Kelly5

Elderly people, people who are in college, need a library.

01:22:56 Daniel Kelly5

Nobody in this room believes that you intend to build this library.

01:23:02 Daniel Kelly5

Nobody builds a.

01:23:04 Daniel Kelly5

Don't you dare postpone.

01:23:05 Daniel Kelly5

How dare you act like this is hastily done.

01:23:09 Daniel Kelly5

This is not hastily done.

01:23:11 Daniel Kelly5

Not playing games anymore?

01:23:12 Daniel Kelly5

Is enough.

01:23:13 Daniel Kelly5

This is the end. This library needs to be built. Do your homework.

01:23:18 Daniel Kelly5

Get your facts show up at the committee meetings. Talk to the people. Go to the neighborhood and.

01:23:25 Daniel Kelly5

Do your research.

01:23:25 Daniel Kelly5

Search this is enough. Build this library.

01:23:32 Daniel Kelly1

Lynette mejia.

01:23:40 Speaker 21

Lynette Mejia, Lafayette Parish, Mr. Judge when he started this entire line of reasoning pointed out that he was the only one here in 2021.

01:23:52 Speaker 21

Well, I beg to differ because I was here.

01:23:55 Speaker 21

I've been here since 2021.

01:23:58 Speaker 21

And he also mentioned that construction costs for the renovation of North and South have gone up exponentially.

01:24:06 Speaker 21

Right about that.

01:24:07 Speaker 21

Have.

01:24:08 Speaker 21

But what he accidentally left out was that the board.

01:24:15 Speaker 21

Him included.

01:24:17 Speaker 21

Paused those projects in 2021.

01:24:20 Speaker 21

The architect was ready to go.

01:24:22 Speaker 21

The money was set aside. The parish council had had given it the green light and the board decided it was not fiscally responsible.

01:24:32 Speaker 21

At the time to move forward with those renovation projects, they decided they needed more information to move forward with those renovation projects.

01:24:41 Speaker 21

Well, guess what?

01:24:43 Speaker 21

The pandemic hit and then costs really skyrocketed and last year we heard again from the architect when they decided to unpause the projects that the renovations we were going to get at North and South were going to cost more and give us less.

01:25:00 Speaker 21

So you all many of you were here for that presentation and you heard the architects say that.

01:25:06 Speaker 21

Well, the reason that happened is because the board needed to pause and needed more information.

01:25:13 Speaker 21

So.

01:25:14 Speaker 21

It doesn't workout for you to do that.

01:25:17 Speaker 21

You need to move forward. Thank you.

01:25:21 Daniel Kelly1

Mitzi Miller, Maddox.

01:25:31 Daniel Kelly4

Hello. Mitzi Miller, Maddox. Lafayette Parish. Parish taxpayer.

01:25:37 Daniel Kelly4

Basically, you all asked that a committee of Community members come together and spend quite many hours of their time and labor to give this board recommendations on what the Community needs.

01:25:53 Daniel Kelly4

You ask the Community to come out.

01:25:55

And.

01:25:55 Daniel Kelly4

Use their time and labor to let you know what they.

01:26:00 Daniel Kelly4

Need. It's incredibly frustrating to hear Mr. Moore talk about how, you know, the community can want, but it is for him to decide what the community needs that is like talking to a child. That is ridiculous.

01:26:15 Daniel Kelly4

I have some suspicions on why he feels it's appropriate to speak that way about a certain community.

01:26:19 Daniel Kelly4

You know, whatever.

01:26:20 Daniel Kelly4

Go.

01:26:22 Daniel Kelly4

I think that we have had literal.

01:26:26 Daniel Kelly4

I am a member of a committee and when I go to my committee member.

01:26:29 Daniel Kelly4

Meetings. I look at the agenda prior to going to the meeting and I educate myself on the things that we're going to be talking about, and I think that that is a base level responsibility of a committee member or a board member to learn.

01:26:45 Daniel Kelly4

Prior to coming to the meeting, because now you've asked the community to come out and speak about this and you're wasting our time in Labour. So because for whatever reason, you feel like your time is more important than ours and I am here to tell you.

01:27:01 Daniel Kelly4

It is absol.

01:27:02 Daniel Kelly4

But so do which you are asked to be on this board. So do the work you had literal years since 2018 to find this information.

01:27:12 Daniel Kelly4

How are we still doing this?

01:27:14 Daniel Kelly4

I think we know quite well why we're still doing this, but I can tell you that we don't.

01:27:19 Daniel Kelly4

We don't accept that.

01:27:20 Daniel Kelly4

So go ahead.

01:27:22 Daniel Kelly4

You know, kick the can down the.

01:27:23 Daniel Kelly4

Continue to do this because you people are pathetic. That's it.

01:27:28 Daniel Kelly4

Good day.

01:27:38 Speaker 22

Phone number.

01:27:48 Speaker 23

I truly want to RIP every single one of you into shreds right now.

01:27:54 Speaker 23

I it's very, very disappointing.

01:27:58 Speaker 23

Ironically, you guys could develop a document very hastily and submitted the day of with data that you guys were able to put together. However, you keep saying you need more data. How come you can provide documents and produce data when when?

01:28:12 Speaker 23

To, but you can't find and work together and work hastily to find the data that would help us get a library.

01:28:18 Speaker 23

It doesn't make any sense.

01:28:20 Speaker 23

And your fallacy is flawed, Sir.

01:28:24 Speaker 23

There's a fallacy called pill to ignorance.

01:28:26 Speaker 23

You can look up the definition of it, and you also have another thought fallacy.

01:28:32 Speaker 23

You keep mentioning eggs.

01:28:33 Speaker 23

Eggs are irrelevant.

01:28:34 Speaker 23

A dollar today is worth more than a dollar tomorrow because tomorrow in my community never comes.

01:28:40 Speaker 23

I find it fascinating the parish council had to force Robert Drudge to buy the land on my side.

01:28:47 Speaker 23

The parish council had to force you to do something.

01:28:51 Speaker 23

Supposed to do?

01:28:52 Speaker 23

I'm not sure where your allegiance lie, but building a library in my community shouldn't be about politics.

01:29:01 Speaker 23

Supporting a.

01:29:02 Speaker 23

My community is about the community.

01:29:05 Speaker 23

Fairness is more important.

01:29:07 Speaker 23

It's not about politics and what irritates me the most, I'm going to refrain from saying that.

01:29:14 Speaker 23

Will be very kind, but I served on the Northeast Library Committee that we put together.

01:29:22 Speaker 23

Served on it with other members who resigned like Doug Palumbo and various others.

01:29:27 Speaker 23

Think that was back in 2021?

01:29:29 Speaker 23

We had the data, we had the funds, we had everything to build a library yet.

01:29:35 Speaker 23

You dissolve the committee without informing anyone for no reason.

01:29:40 Speaker 23

And then you.

01:29:41 Speaker 23

Tell them we don't have enough data.

01:29:43 Speaker 23

Have enough data.

01:29:44 Speaker 23

We have someone who's qualified and literally said out his mouth. We have the funding for a library, yet you still state we don't have enough data.

01:29:55 Speaker 23

Ironically, we have millions of dollars for a library today.

01:30:00 Speaker 23

And you keep delaying this and then tomorrow will never.

01:30:05 Speaker 23

We're not going to have a library and you're going to still be saying we need more data.

01:30:10 Speaker 23

I'm very disappointed because.

01:30:13 Speaker 23

Of one simple thing I'm really trying to be kind 'cause I'm supposed to be addressing your motion.

01:30:20 Speaker 23

And.

01:30:22 Speaker 23

You're trying to delay this.

01:30:25 Speaker 23

And we all know your motive here.

01:30:28 Speaker 23

You don't intend to give us what we need. You want to give us what you want us to have and it's very disappointing.

01:30:33 Daniel Kelly2

That's false.

01:30:34 Speaker 23

Oh, you're addressing me.

01:30:36 Speaker 23

I.

01:30:36 Speaker 23

I want my time back.

01:30:38 Speaker 23

I want my time back.

01:30:40 Speaker 23

I find it fascinating, since we want to break rules.

01:30:43 Speaker 23

I love.

01:30:43 Speaker 23

This is what gets me.

01:30:44 Speaker 23

I love people who can break the rules so.

01:30:49 Rena Bradley

Erica bye.

01:30:51 Rena Bradley

Thank you.

01:30:52 Speaker 23

Fine, that's fine.

01:30:53 Daniel Kelly

We gonna.

01:30:54 Speaker 23

I'm not intimidated.

01:30:55 Ella Arsement

Mr. President.

01:30:55 Speaker 23

I want my time back, he spoke.

01:30:58 Speaker 23

He wasn't allowed to speak.

01:30:59 Speaker 23

I want my time back.

01:31:01 Speaker 23

That's all I.

01:31:02 Speaker 23

My time back he addressed me.

01:31:04 Speaker 23

I find it fascinating he didn't address anyone else who spoke prior to me.

01:31:09 Speaker 23

I deserve and demand respect.

01:31:10 Speaker 23

I was giving 3 minutes and you interrupt me.

01:31:15 Daniel Kelly1

That's not fair.

01:31:17 Speaker 23

That's not Robert's rule of order.

01:31:19 Daniel Kelly

So we're going to give you another minute, please.

01:31:21 Speaker 23

Yeah.

01:31:22 Speaker 23

I want my other minutes.

01:31:26 Speaker 23

Thank.

01:31:26 Speaker 23

I appreciate it.

01:31:28 Speaker 23

We can stand here and that's all I want is the respect I demand.

01:31:34 Speaker 23

So you want us to follow the rules? I would like for you to follow the rules.

01:31:39 Speaker 23

So I'll stand here.

01:31:41 Speaker 23

For those that one minute happily.

01:31:45 Speaker 23

Don't talk when I'm speaking.

01:31:57 Speaker 23

Respect is earned.

01:32:23 Speaker 23

That's how my community feels when you give us false promises.

01:32:29 Daniel Kelly

Thank you.

01:32:31 Speaker 23

Have a blessed one.

01:32:35 Speaker 20

Thank you.

01:32:38 Daniel Kelly1

That's the end of the comments.

01:32:41 Daniel Kelly1

Those who's that's for X for the proposal.

01:32:44 Daniel Kelly1

Yes, ma'am. I apologize.

01:32:46 Daniel Kelly1

We have Miss Cindy Fox, she.

01:32:49 Danny Gillane

I.

01:32:53 Speaker 24

I cannot believe that I'm standing up here once again.

01:32:58 Speaker 24

While you stall and lie.

01:33:03 Speaker 24

And nurik is.

01:33:04 Speaker 24

We're only here because the Council forced you to buy the land.

01:33:09 Speaker 24

I was there that night when they forced you.

01:33:14 Speaker 24

This is enough.

01:33:15 Speaker 24

I've been here for since 2021, watching the same things happen over and over.

01:33:24 Speaker 24

I was at the meeting, the committee meeting on Thursday.

01:33:28 Speaker 24

I listened.

01:33:30 Speaker 24

There was plenty of time between Thursday and today for you to make a decision for you to study and do you.

01:33:39 Speaker 24

This is ridiculous, and we know what it really means.

01:33:43 Speaker 24

You never intended to build a library on the Northeast.

01:33:49 Speaker 24

I can.

01:33:50 Speaker 24

I live within walking distance of a beautiful library in Scott.

01:33:55 Speaker 24

Everybody deserves a library.

01:34:00 Speaker 24

Do your jobs and build the library. This is ridiculous.

01:34:06 Daniel Kelly1

Matthew Humphrey.

01:34:17 Speaker 25

At this point I only know him.

01:34:20 Speaker 25

Don't know any of you guys.

01:34:22 Speaker 25

I haven't been here in three.

01:34:23 Speaker 25

The reasons why you guys will find out an open.

01:34:26 Speaker 25

Because I definitely don't want to have Robert call his rules of orders on me. I.

01:34:32 Speaker 25

I haven't been here in three years because he used the police to arrest me.

01:34:37 Speaker 25

We'll talk all about that in.

01:34:39 Speaker 25

Comment you guys should watch KLFY tonight.

01:34:42 Speaker 25

But what I wanted to say originally when I decided to come up here, I wasn't sure what I was going to say, but I just think it's really funny that you just called the cops in on an angry black woman who just wants a library.

01:34:53 Speaker 25

Like, dude really said, get the cops because an angry black lady said I want to RIP you all the shreds. Like you don't understand irony. Like you're not a science professor.

01:35:03 Speaker 25

God, OK, everything that they said is true.

01:35:07 Speaker 25

1st I want to establish that everything that everybody else said is true.

01:35:10 Speaker 25

OK. And you said you'd been here since 2021 and you said you'd been here since 20 something well.

01:35:17 Speaker 25

I feel like the first time I was ever in this library system is whatever year it was in 1997.

01:35:22 Speaker 25

Old was it.

01:35:22 Speaker 25

Like, that's how long like the first time I was ever in here. But I've been in board meetings since at least 2018.

01:35:30 Speaker 25

And I remember when they were in this tiny little office on the other side, we could probably go walk there if you guys want to do like a field trip at some point.

01:35:37 Speaker 25

But the business was just business.

01:35:39 Speaker 25

It was like this little cafeteria. Honestly thing could y'all have events in here that like?

01:35:43 Speaker 25

Kitchen here.

01:35:44 Speaker 25

They had a long table, maybe 2.

01:35:46 Speaker 25

You know who was always there?

01:35:47 Speaker 25

Michael lunsford. Ring a bell?

01:35:49 Speaker 25

Watch KLFY tonight. You're going to make all the connections that I don't know if all of you are in on it.

01:35:54 Speaker 25

Like I know you signed with a bunch of reverend's against drag Queen story time, right?

01:35:59 Speaker 25

I don't really know anybody else.

01:36:02 Speaker 25

That's. Yeah, I don't know anybody else, but that's literally what he does.

01:36:05 Speaker 25

He implemented point.

01:36:06 Speaker 25

Order this nonsense to delay it.

01:36:08 Daniel Kelly2

President point of order.

01:36:09 Speaker 25

It's all about the delay.

01:36:10 Speaker 25

All about the amendment.

01:36:12 Speaker 25

It's about the delay. I've been here for six years.

01:36:15 Speaker 25

The board.

01:36:16 Speaker 25

Yep.

01:36:17 Speaker 25

Yep. Also I just got exonerated by a judge over calling the.

01:36:21 Speaker 25

Do you want to call the police in cause of an angry gay man? Let's do that.

01:36:27 Speaker 25

So yes, I have been here, going to board meetings for six years.

01:36:32 Speaker 25

I know all about the library operations because I was dumped on the streets here in Lafayette at 17 years old, and sometimes the library was the only safe space for.

01:36:39 Speaker 25

To go.

01:36:40 Speaker 25

Now you might not like me, 'cause. I'm gay and I have a big mouth. But I was a little kid at one point who needed a safe space from parents who beat me and a church that kicked me out.

01:36:49 Speaker 25

I hang that cross around my neck regularly.

01:36:54 Speaker 25

We need a library in my hood.

01:36:57 Speaker 25

I have so much stake in the game because I lived three blocks away from it the night I was arrested.

01:37:02 Speaker 25

Last library board meeting I came to three years ago.

01:37:06 Speaker 25

The Northside is very dear to me and the little black families and little brown families and all the little white families who sometimes have little gay people in them. They all matter to me and they need a library.

01:37:16 Speaker 25

Now we have all this opportunity with Bucky's coming in and all the developments we need a big library.

01:37:23 Daniel Kelly1

Andrew dugong.

01:37:36 Andrew Duhon

Andrew, do you all have it? Perish.

01:37:38 Andrew Duhon

I must say I I I feel like a feel like a.

01:37:42 Andrew Duhon

Because I had some trust in in in some of you people, I still have trust in some of you. But you know, I wrote my notes on this little piece of paper here, and I first half I thought I'd be arguing about whether we needed an option to.

01:37:56 Andrew Duhon

An option.

01:37:56 Andrew Duhon

Library.

01:37:57 Andrew Duhon

What was our fool?

01:37:59 Andrew Duhon

You know, I feel like such y'all turned me into a cynic tonight.

01:38:04 Andrew Duhon

Because this is just not the way things you appoint.

01:38:08 Andrew Duhon

Not just one, but two boards, and you put them to work and you don't show up for any of their committee meetings, by the way.

01:38:16 Andrew Duhon

You set up two committees. I was going to congratulate.

01:38:19 Andrew Duhon

I did already congratulate on the good, the fine job she did as a committee. I hope you stand up for the option that you recommended because that's important.

01:38:27 Andrew Duhon

You made a decision and you made the right decision.

01:38:29 Andrew Duhon

Let them make you cake.

01:38:30 Andrew Duhon

Believe.

01:38:33 Andrew Duhon

These people.

01:38:36 Andrew Duhon

I feel like Elton Mary, Lib Consuela, Larry on jail and Ella have all been duped.

01:38:45 Andrew Duhon

Every one of them I don't usually get this angry about stuff.

01:38:49 Andrew Duhon

I think people mostly know me as a pretty calm guy, but this is ridiculous, Mr. Miller.

01:38:56 Andrew Duhon

What's going to?

01:38:57 Andrew Duhon

Is you going to get called down?

01:38:59 Andrew Duhon

Not because you didn't spin the public's property.

01:39:04 Andrew Duhon

Revenues.

01:39:05 Andrew Duhon

Properly.

01:39:07 Andrew Duhon

But you didn't spend it at all.

01:39:09 Andrew Duhon

You sat on the money forever.

01:39:11 Andrew Duhon

That's part of the problem that has occurred with the library.

01:39:15 Andrew Duhon

People see fund balances arise and they think, oh, they won't spend that. Not only do they, well, they never spend it.

01:39:22 Andrew Duhon

Don't want to spend it?

01:39:24 Andrew Duhon

And then what happens?

01:39:26 Andrew Duhon

They got to take all your money away from you now.

01:39:28 Andrew Duhon

Maybe you don't care about.

01:39:29 Andrew Duhon

Maybe that is your plan, but that is not a plan that serves the people of Lafayette, especially those that voted for these villages.

01:39:38 Andrew Duhon

That support library activities.

01:39:41 Andrew Duhon

You know you can say I'll put.

01:39:42 Andrew Duhon

In drainage.

01:39:44 Andrew Duhon

Let me tell you, it's a half a billion dollar problem.

01:39:47 Andrew Duhon

It took away 10 million.

01:39:49 Andrew Duhon

They didn't even take 10, they took 8. The 10 million that they took fund balance out from the library previously. They were supposed to use 2 million of it for recreation.

01:39:58 Andrew Duhon

Know if that was ever used properly, but 8 million against a half a billion dollar problem.

01:40:03 Andrew Duhon

Do your.

01:40:04 Andrew Duhon

Don't worry about everybody else's job.

01:40:07 Andrew Duhon

Build the library. What I was going to say is that there is a need and I can show it, everybody says Buckies.

01:40:14 Andrew Duhon

All Buckies just brings tourists in.

01:40:16 Andrew Duhon

It's going to make that area.

01:40:18 Andrew Duhon

I live in that area. I go there.

01:40:20 Andrew Duhon

ALDI target racetrack. All those places more than once a week.

01:40:24 Andrew Duhon

That place is booming.

01:40:26 Andrew Duhon

Build that library to support those people.

01:40:32 Daniel Kelly1

Kylan Jordan.

01:40:41 Speaker 26

I'm.

01:40:42 Speaker 26

I'm gonna cry because I'm so mad.

01:40:46 Speaker 26

I want to.

01:40:47 Speaker 26

At it from Maddie's perspective.

01:40:50 Speaker 26

What are these kids thinking? That we're not building?

01:40:52 Speaker 26

This library.

01:40:53 Speaker 26

That they're not good enough.

01:40:54 Speaker 26

They don't deserve it.

01:40:57 Speaker 26

Like just imagine what they think.

01:41:00 Speaker 26

It's not cool.

01:41:01 Speaker 26

Like it's so wrong. Cool.

01:41:04 Speaker 26

It's not fair.

01:41:07 Speaker 26

And it looks like you don't give a ****.

01:41:10 Speaker 26

And honestly, I don't think most of you do.

01:41:14

So why are?

01:41:14 Speaker 26

You even there wasting everyone's time for no reason.

01:41:26 Speaker 26

I believe that everyone has good in them and there are more good than bad in the world, but there's.

01:41:31 Speaker 26

Don't know what to think.

01:41:34 Speaker 26

You also be ashamed of yourselves.

01:41:44 Daniel Kelly1

Mary, Lib burcio.

01:41:51 Speaker 27

I'm really.

01:41:52 Speaker 27

I'm Mary, Lib Garcia, Lafayette Parish. I'm really appalled.

01:41:58 Speaker 27

Before the meeting, I commended.

01:42:02 Speaker 27

And Allen?

01:42:05 Speaker 27

For selecting a very good committee that worked hard over time to study the information, to get input from the community, and we did all of those things.

01:42:18 Speaker 27

The library invested money in hiring a professional design.

01:42:22 Speaker 27

Consultant from out of state for impartiality, Miss Arndt, and she did an outstanding job of providing us with the data that we need.

01:42:32 Speaker 27

This committee that made its recommendation for unanimously from option #1 four days ago, before there was the deadline, had been reached for amending A or tabling or postponing or rescheduling.

01:42:50 Speaker 27

That didn't happen.

01:42:53 Speaker 27

The data that that.

01:42:56 Speaker 27

Miss Arsenal has requested was should have been provided to the committee.

01:43:02 Speaker 27

And it wasn't.

01:43:03 Speaker 27

So we made our decision based upon the data and the information that we had.

01:43:09 Speaker 27

I'm going to tell you what I think is happening here and.

01:43:17 Speaker 27

Mr. Moore, you mentioned that we need to be fiscally.

01:43:22 Speaker 28

There.

01:43:23 Speaker 27

No, Sir.

01:43:24 Speaker 27

You need to be fiscally prudent.

01:43:26 Speaker 27

A big difference.

01:43:28 Speaker 27

Fiscal prudence means that you look at all the data and you make the best possible decision.

01:43:32 Speaker 27

I have been an elected official, served on the school board. I understand governmental accounting.

01:43:38 Speaker 27

And fiscal.

01:43:40 Speaker 27

This is not fiscally responsible.

01:43:42 Speaker 27

More importantly, is the breach of public trust that this indefinite postponement of this decision says to not only the people here, but to the Community that has been waiting for so long?

01:43:59 Speaker 27

The data that we received was more than ample for us.

01:44:05 Speaker 27

If there are concerns related to specific costs, that's what you have bids for.

01:44:12 Speaker 27

That's where you get the data that you need, and I don't know of any governmental body that can't go back and amend a bid order once the data changes.

01:44:23 Speaker 27

That's the next thing.

01:44:24 Speaker 27

In terms of the demographics and the growth in the area.

01:44:29 Speaker 27

It's not just the buckies, it's the new apartment buildings.

01:44:33 Speaker 27

The property across the street.

01:44:35 Speaker 27

That's owned by the Lafayette Parish School Board between Moss and Louisiana.

01:44:40 Speaker 27

That is prime property for development. This area is not only showing growth, but it's populated by a very young population.

01:44:50 Speaker 27

These young people are going to have big be families.

01:44:53 Speaker 27

Please do not do do vote for this motion. Thank you, Renee. Sonya.

01:44:55 Daniel Kelly5

Yeah.

01:45:09 Daniel Kelly9

Renee Sonnier, Lafayette Parish.

01:45:13 Daniel Kelly9

I agree with everything that's been said, especially by Lynette and Miss Mary, but.

01:45:20 Daniel Kelly9

It it's not a game and.

01:45:23 Daniel Kelly9

The the back and forth about more data being needed about the donut of popular.

01:45:30 Daniel Kelly9

About tabling or postponing this motion indefinitely. It's it's like you're treating it like a game and it's insulting. It's horrible.

01:45:40 Daniel Kelly9

It's not what anybody in the community wants.

01:45:43 Daniel Kelly9

The money is.

01:45:44 Daniel Kelly9

The work has been done.

01:45:46 Daniel Kelly9

The vote needs to.

01:45:47 Daniel Kelly9

A choice needs to be made and the library needs to be built there.

01:45:50 Daniel Kelly9

How many 18 year olds under 18 year olds responded to that survey? It's.

01:45:58 Daniel Kelly9

There's a huge community of young people who need this library.

01:46:03 Daniel Kelly9

And it would be.

01:46:05 Daniel Kelly9

It would be a failure on your part to not make a vote to not make a choice, to not build this library.

01:46:15 Daniel Kelly1

Marvin Hackworth.

01:46:23 Speaker 29

More of a hack word.

01:46:24 Speaker 29

Parish.

01:46:26 Speaker 29

I just want to take time and just first show you been on the board. We heard the other accusations. She was forced to buy the property and if the rest of the board don't take.

01:46:35 Speaker 29

Look at.

01:46:36 Speaker 29

We'll the rest of the board is y'all falling onto his.

01:46:39 Speaker 29

Because you're not taking a stand against it.

01:46:42 Speaker 29

So yes, look at.

01:46:44 Speaker 29

What is your?

01:46:45 Speaker 29

We we know you have an underlying reason why you keep proposing and it wouldn't be so much of an issue if you would have made the proposal not to indefinitely.

01:46:53 Speaker 29

You should have put a time frame on it because you you're howling about data, data, data, data.

01:47:00 Speaker 29

Go to you.

01:47:01 Speaker 29

I work for the city in the past worked in accounting, so if you want to talk about fiscally being the city has spent plenty of money and made it work.

01:47:11 Speaker 29

The money is allotted is there.

01:47:13 Speaker 29

It can be done.

01:47:15 Speaker 29

At the proposed option of Option 1 and it can be done and we can adjust as it.

01:47:21 Speaker 29

'Cause. That's what the city does, just in the same way in many, many years of working in accounting, I watch the city adjust, and that's what boards and committee.

01:47:32 Speaker 29

To delay is just constantly just pushing the project aside.

01:47:35 Speaker 29

That, for whatever reason, because the board knowing person name change on the board is you and you making the rest.

01:47:44 Speaker 29

Now I don't know if y'all want to stand, but maybe the proposal the board should be to remove you from the committee as well.

01:47:50 Speaker 29

So that's my thing, because if you've been here for every aspect and you've been a person of delay, you probably should be removed.

01:47:58 Speaker 29

The whole resume of the board can be removed.

01:48:04 Daniel Kelly1

Alton Trahan.

01:48:15 Rena Bradley0

Alright, good evening.

01:48:17 Rena Bradley0

Getting out in tray hand.

01:48:19 Rena Bradley0

I like.

01:48:20 Rena Bradley0

I came here very hopeful tonight.

01:48:22 Rena Bradley0

Playful as well.

01:48:24 Rena Bradley0

I've been involved in this process since day one. Obviously, Mr. Judge, I was phone call from a.

01:48:31 Rena Bradley0

Doug Palumbo was the president way back in 2021. December we met.

01:48:36 Rena Bradley0

Talked several board members.

01:48:38 Rena Bradley0

To get on exploratory committee, we did that.

01:48:40 Rena Bradley0

We moved the ball forward to where is now.

01:48:42 Rena Bradley0

Had the exploratory committee was done.

01:48:45 Rena Bradley0

We had the Northeast Committee.

01:48:47 Rena Bradley0

In the hopes of building this library.

01:48:50 Rena Bradley0

We found the location.

01:48:51 Rena Bradley0

We supported the Northeast Library Committee.

01:48:53 Rena Bradley0

Ellen, she led the committee's charged to do so.

01:48:57 Rena Bradley0

Had a wonderful consultant with the administration.

01:49:00 Rena Bradley0

So we basically arise to the point where we are tonight, whereas everyone was presented with all the information needed to build the elaborate as much needed.

01:49:07 Rena Bradley0

Won't go into the reason for the library.

01:49:09 Rena Bradley0

All know what library services the hub.

01:49:12 Rena Bradley0

You heard me.

01:49:13 Rena Bradley0

You've heard anyone is very significant that.

01:49:15 Rena Bradley0

Get it done.

01:49:16 Rena Bradley0

My issue tonight is really how much longer do we hold this library hostage?

01:49:21 Rena Bradley0

You know we need the library.

01:49:23 Rena Bradley0

Kids need the.

01:49:24 Rena Bradley0

The Community needs the library life. Parish needs this library.

01:49:27 Rena Bradley0

There's so much hope in building this library that you can't stall it.

01:49:32 Rena Bradley0

You know, obviously you can make different.

01:49:34 Rena Bradley0

You can come up with an option 3. Whatever you decide to do, but the table, this thing and definitely I would ask if you want to table it or put it on hold.

01:49:43 Rena Bradley0

Yourself a week. If you need some.

01:49:45 Rena Bradley0

I know some numbers by the administration do so I've studied.

01:49:49 Rena Bradley0

Mean I'm into the public administration.

01:49:51 Rena Bradley0

My degree.

01:49:52 Rena Bradley0

And understand.

01:49:53 Rena Bradley0

But what I don't understand is infinitive hesitation.

01:49:57 Rena Bradley0

We have to get this done.

01:49:59 Rena Bradley0

You have no idea your impact on this community of what you're making tonight and forever.

01:50:07 Rena Bradley0

So I pray you know that.

01:50:10 Rena Bradley0

Victory happens in this darkness time.

01:50:13 Rena Bradley0

And so then we wake up tomorrow morning, you know, with the sunrise at this beautiful as ever, that's going to put hope in eyes of these kids.

01:50:19 Rena Bradley0

So whatever you decide, I ask that you not support this, but come up with a different option for tonight.

01:50:24 Rena Bradley0

You know, perhaps make another amendment.

01:50:28 Rena Bradley0

Or another motion to kind of move it forward. However, with the discretion of the board to make a different decision, perhaps depending on some information that you need.

01:50:39 Rena Bradley0

But the growth is there someone who lives in?

01:50:42 Rena Bradley0

Someone who's seen a apartment complex that is coming on Mall Street with 86.

01:50:46 Rena Bradley0

Someone who's seen development of phase four off of Louisiana Ave. off her turlings who have seen the growth going.

01:50:54 Rena Bradley0

North of I-10, that's going to use.

01:50:55 Rena Bradley0

Someone who sees people travel down Louisiana Ave. coming to a shop from both areas that could use that library from that library that can serve a hub that is beyond imagination. That vision that I put forward of connecting to the.

01:51:09 Rena Bradley0

Nature Station and everything.

01:51:10 Rena Bradley0

That's the.

01:51:10 Rena Bradley0

You got to build.

01:51:12 Rena Bradley0

You got to take care of it and put the whole back in these kids in the communities eyes.
Thank you.

01:51:19 Daniel Kelly1

Phyllis muto.

01:51:28 Speaker 6

Phyllis Coleman, Mouton.

01:51:32 Speaker 6

Perish resident.

01:51:35 Speaker 6

President of Women of Wisdom.

01:51:38 Speaker 6

My voice.

01:51:40 Speaker 6

I have a condition called spasmodic dysphonia but it doesn't keep me from speaking. If I
can help it.

01:51:51 Speaker 6

I am from the north side.

01:51:53 Speaker 6

Live that.

01:51:54 Speaker 6

Live there all my life.

01:51:57 Speaker 6

I can tell you.

01:51:59 Speaker 6

Not only are you impacting.

01:52:03 Speaker 6

Thousands of people.

01:52:06 Speaker 6

You are enhancing.

01:52:08 Speaker 6

The economic development of this parish, we talk about a thriving Lafayette.

01:52:17 Speaker 6

We don't have a thriving Lafayette.

01:52:20 Speaker 6

Not yet.

01:52:23 Speaker 6

It's through your support of different parts of the parish.

01:52:29 Speaker 6

That is going to make a difference.

01:52:32 Speaker 6

Now 2 members have expressed.

01:52:35 Speaker 6

Their dissatisfaction to move forward.

01:52:39 Speaker 6

I commend you, Ella.

01:52:41 Speaker 6

For the committee that you led and the decision that you made.

01:52:46 Speaker 6

It if we don't respect our Co partners on this library, who will you respect?

01:52:57 Speaker 6

I can tell you.

01:53:00 Speaker 6

2468 there are two.

01:53:03 Speaker 6

Who have expressed dissenting decisions to delay this decision.

01:53:11 Speaker 6

There are 6 of you who have said nothing yet.

01:53:16 Speaker 6

Except Bella have voted with the committee.

01:53:21 Speaker 6

I came here tonight thinking that I had come.

01:53:26 Speaker 6

To celebrate finally.

01:53:30 Speaker 6

Economic development that's going to enhance the whole parish.

01:53:36 Speaker 6

And what I see is a dissension.

01:53:41 Speaker 6

Expressed by two individuals because of a lack of information.

01:53:47 Speaker 6

Or a lack of support.

01:53:50 Speaker 6

That money was dedicated.

01:53:54 Speaker 6

And it's not going to decrease, it's going to.

01:53:58 Speaker 6

I asked the other six members who are sitting among the two.

01:54:05 Speaker 6

That you please vote for this library.

01:54:10 Speaker 6

For thousands of children, born and unborn, who need this library.

01:54:18 Speaker 6

For me, an elder.

01:54:21 Speaker 6

Who can't find meeting spaces?

01:54:25 Speaker 6

To help to enhance this community that much more.

01:54:30 Speaker 6

I asked for the 6th to vote.

01:54:33 Speaker 6

Above the other two. Thank you.

01:54:36 Daniel Kelly1

Mid sea Moss duyong.

01:54:43 Speaker 28

I had a list before.

01:54:46 Speaker 28

Things changed.

01:54:47 Speaker 28

And, but I'm still going to refer to it.

01:54:50 Speaker 28

First of all, I am from Lafayette Parish and I live in the north side of Lafayette Parish and I have always lived on the north side of Lafayette Parish.

01:55:00 Speaker 28

I know the Northside of Lafayette Parish.

01:55:04 Speaker 28

I travel it every day.

01:55:06 Speaker 28

Not to point fingers or not to. I invite all of you to travel that area.

01:55:11 Speaker 28

By the way, let me say it that.

01:55:13 Speaker 28

I invite all of you to travel those roads so.

01:55:18 Speaker 28

I-10 and Louisiana Ave. I-10 I, 49, i10 and university our main 3 entrances into Lafayette right now.

01:55:29 Speaker 28

10 E at East West at Louisiana Ave.

01:55:34 Speaker 28

Is in a pivotal moment of the Brown Park being redeveloped and enhanced the.

01:55:43 Speaker 28

Well, which is the property that's supposed to have a library on it.

01:55:47 Speaker 28

Right there on Louisiana Ave.

01:55:50 Speaker 28

That section, by the way, Louisiana Ave. right there, if you go a little further, it turns into Johnson, but wouldn't it be wonderful if that whole?

01:55:58 Speaker 28

Corridor would be Louisiana Ave. all the way to university.

01:56:02 Speaker 28

Our university could be.

01:56:04 Speaker 28

The University of Lafayette of Louisiana in Lafayette.

01:56:10 Speaker 28

And I say that only because.

01:56:14 Speaker 28

The development has continued to grow.

01:56:16 Speaker 28

It's going to continue to grow whether you drive around there or not, whether you have numbers there or not.

01:56:22 Speaker 28

Inevitable. And it's not just Bucky's. Other people have said.

01:56:25 Speaker 28

I don't need to reiterate the housing the the stores, the interest, the cleanliness.

01:56:31 Speaker 28

That the welcome environment, I will say this.

01:56:34 Speaker 28

So that there have been 1-2 or there have been 1234, Scott Youngsville, South East West and the renovation of Maine that have happened in the last 14 years starting in 2010.

01:56:51 Speaker 28

I lived through it.

01:56:54 Speaker 28

And many of us here.

01:56:55 Speaker 28

And many of us don't know about it because there was never this kind of commotion about it.

01:57:03 Speaker 28

Navfer this is not like we're asking to build a penitentiary in your neighborhood.

01:57:10 Speaker 28

This is not like asking to build.

01:57:14 Speaker 28

A dog fighting arena in your neighborhood. This is asking you.

01:57:21 Speaker 28

To build a literacy.

01:57:25 Speaker 28

Zone, A community hub.

01:57:28 Speaker 28

A safe place.

01:57:31 Speaker 28

A thing to be.

01:57:32 Speaker 28

Be proud of when those people get off of I-10 and drive on Louisiana Ave.

01:57:40 Speaker 28

That's all we're asking.

01:57:42 Speaker 28

The money is there and I'm through.

01:57:46 Daniel Kelly0

Thank you.

01:57:47 Daniel Kelly1

Allison Shakespeare.

01:57:54 Rena Bradley1

Alison checks Neider Lafayette Parish.

01:57:57 Rena Bradley1

I do not plan on speaking.

01:57:59 Rena Bradley1

I don't ever come to these meetings because of the.

01:58:04 Rena Bradley1

Because I have friends and family who come to support the library I come, I support the library.

01:58:09 Rena Bradley1

The all of the things that I've heard about these meetings, I.

01:58:12 Rena Bradley1

I just never thought I could stomach them and so that's why I don't come.

01:58:17 Rena Bradley1

I came.

01:58:18 Rena Bradley1

However, we're very excited about.

01:58:21 Rena Bradley1

This library I live on the north side of town, Mitzi and Andrew are our family members neighbors. My husband has a band, Northside Eric, and the South side Playboys. We love the Northside. Our area needs a library, brown park.

01:58:36 Rena Bradley1

Watch them tear it down and we were deathly.

01:58:39 Rena Bradley1

We go to Brown Park all the time. We were afraid.

01:58:42 Rena Bradley1

Would happen.

01:58:43 Rena Bradley1

It did.

01:58:44 Rena Bradley1

They rebuilt Brown Park, lives and thrives, and it's better than it was.

01:58:48 Rena Bradley1

And I came here tonight because I was so excited to come and help be part of, you know, choose what make decisions about the library that is to come.

01:58:59 Rena Bradley1

And I had literally no idea that this would happen.

01:59:04 Rena Bradley1

Is.

01:59:05 Rena Bradley1

Hurts my stomach.

01:59:06 Rena Bradley1

This is. It feels like insanity. And you know, I have a nine year old and all the Disney movies that you watch and you're like, how does the bad guy not know they're a bad guy?

01:59:17 Rena Bradley1

Me. Tell you do you're in the movie and you're the.

01:59:20 Rena Bradley1

Guy, OK.

01:59:21 Speaker 23

Thank you.

01:59:26 Daniel Kelly1

Mr. Alex Montgomery.

01:59:38 Rena Bradley2

Good evening.

01:59:39 Rena Bradley2

I'm Alex Montgomery.

01:59:41 Rena Bradley2

I'm a resident of Northside Lafayette.

01:59:44 Rena Bradley2

I.

01:59:44 Rena Bradley2

I served as a public servant, 34 plus years as the law enforcement officer.

01:59:48 Rena Bradley2

Evidently you haven't been on the north side of town when you're talking about explosion when you're talking about economic growth, you have a corridor, as she talked about.

02:00:00 Rena Bradley2

That's growing.

02:00:02 Rena Bradley2

Bucky's. Yeah, you're.

02:00:03 Rena Bradley2

It's going to be a lot of people passing through, but you also have a lot of homes that are coming up in that area. If you haven't been there lately, you have not your correction yet.

02:00:14 Rena Bradley2

Schools in the current area right now.

02:00:17 Rena Bradley2

7.

02:00:19 Rena Bradley2

So where do those kids go to read a book?

02:00:22 Rena Bradley2

Because I utilize this library quite a bit.

02:00:24 Rena Bradley2

I retired and I'm a private investigator, so I do most of my interviews.

02:00:28 Rena Bradley2

In the study rooms that you have here.

02:00:30 Rena Bradley2

And to get a study room here, it's very hard.

02:00:34 Rena Bradley2

Very hard. So think about not only the kids that are utilizing that library, but the people that live around that area that are utilizing the library.

02:00:42 Rena Bradley2

And if you haven't noise, how many people have been killed trying to cross the Evangeline through way in the past five years?

02:00:48 Rena Bradley2

How many?

02:00:51 Rena Bradley2

Too many.

02:00:53 Rena Bradley2

So that area of town, that area of Lafayette will service, as you said, the northeast which is growing.

02:00:59 Rena Bradley2

But then again, you might not know that because you haven't been around the northeast part of Lafayette.

02:01:06 Rena Bradley2

So in your choice tonight, think about that.

02:01:09 Rena Bradley2

It's not only servicing the kids that are there, the schools that are there.

02:01:12 Rena Bradley2

But also grown folks and old folks like me.

02:01:17 Rena Bradley2

Law enforcement.

02:01:19 Rena Bradley2

We utilize the library quite a bit. Believe it or not, for a lot of research that we can't do in the office.

02:01:25 Rena Bradley2

You don't know. It's law enforcement 'cause. We're in plain clothes, but we utilize the library for a lot of services, printing research.

02:01:35 Rena Bradley2

So give the people what they want there.

02:01:38 Rena Bradley2

Which is a library and you talk about the donut effect.

02:01:41 Rena Bradley2

Evidently, you don't know how civilization works because it starts in the city and it expands out to the parish.

02:01:48 Rena Bradley2

I know that because I was patrolling in 1984 when there was nothing out in Scott Youngsville Broussard, in fact, Youngsville didn't even have a police officer at night.

02:01:59 Rena Bradley2

We patrol that area. The city of Lafayette stopped at actually I-10 and Moss, and the Sheriff's Office patrol all of that Kevin Drive.

02:02:11 Rena Bradley2

Glorious switch.

02:02:12 Rena Bradley2

Butcher switch. That was all in the city, but the city didn't patrol it because they didn't have enough manpower.

02:02:19 Rena Bradley2

So think about not things that today, but the growth of tomorrow. That's what you need to be thinking about.

02:02:29 Daniel Kelly2

Thank you for your service and keeping us safe.

02:02:31 Daniel Kelly1

What's the end of comments?

02:02:43 Daniel Kelly1

Not for the delivery boy section E.

02:02:47 Daniel Kelly1

But if you want to.

02:02:51 Daniel Kelly1

See.

02:02:53 Robert Judge

Mr. President, like to clarify something.

02:02:59 Robert Judge

Umm, there was a comment made about the pandemic that was in 2020 from a memory.

02:03:05 Robert Judge

Me. Correct.

02:03:10 Robert Judge

The money I don't know about what happened in 2011.

02:03:15 Robert Judge

I wasn't here.

02:03:18 Robert Judge

I know the money was deposited in 2018.

02:03:22 Robert Judge

Again, it was three years before this ball got moving and I appreciate the fact that.

02:03:29 Robert Judge

The gentleman that just spoke in in Altona, Alton, I know from before when he came and we got this ball rolling.

02:03:37 Robert Judge

And I'm sorry.

02:03:39 Daniel Kelly1

We have one more speaker.

02:03:40 Robert Judge

Oh, I thought I thought.

02:03:41 Daniel Kelly1

We.

02:03:42 Daniel Kelly1

But he thought he had initially signed up for just the proposal to make a move on.

02:03:45 Robert Judge

Oh, I'm sorry. Forgive me.

02:03:48 Robert Judge

I'm forgive me, I thought.

02:03:50 Robert Judge

I thought he hadn't. I'm sorry.

02:03:51 Andrew Duhon

OK.

02:03:52 Robert Judge

So.

02:03:52 Daniel Kelly1

This is.

02:03:53 Daniel Kelly1

This is Mr. Tom hoteck.

02:03:56 Rena Bradley3

Tom Hodak from Lafayette.

02:03:58 Rena Bradley3

Kind of new to this.

02:04:00 Rena Bradley3

Probably didn't get involved a little bit less than a year ago, but through the Advocate and through local news and national news, our current come to learn the troubles.

02:04:11 Rena Bradley3

So here I.

02:04:12 Rena Bradley3

I've been mostly quiet the whole time I came here tonight to.

02:04:17 Rena Bradley3

Decide what option I was going to pick and then learn that we're going to table it indefinitely and from everything I've witnessed in this library indefinitely.

02:04:29 Rena Bradley3

The definition of that is Infinity.

02:04:32 Rena Bradley3

There's no. Why not table it until next meeting?

02:04:35 Rena Bradley3

Next week, like another gentleman said indefinitely.

02:04:40 Rena Bradley3

I sat here when, after the Council mandated that she purchased the property, Sir.

02:04:46 Rena Bradley3

And you were still talking about this and that and going maybe renting a place or something. People had to call you.

02:04:55 Rena Bradley3

And remind you.

02:04:56 Rena Bradley3

What the Council delegated that you do so I don't trust it, I really don't.

02:05:03 Rena Bradley3

I don't know the economics.

02:05:06 Rena Bradley3

Appreciate the.

02:05:07 Rena Bradley3

Nothing's ever going to get cheaper.

02:05:10 Rena Bradley3

I'm a clinical social worker and I have been for about 30 years.

02:05:14 Rena Bradley3

Didn't bring my.

02:05:15 Rena Bradley3

Information with me, my graphs, my charts, and everything else. But I've here many times that.

02:05:22 Rena Bradley3

This board is here for the children.

02:05:25 Rena Bradley3

For the children and that stood out to me tonight is how many kids were surveyed.

02:05:30 Rena Bradley3

Shouldn't say kids, young adults, adolescents.

02:05:33 Rena Bradley3

I knew it was a minority population on that side, but I didn't realize how young these people were as a social worker. If you want to really help the children, give them the resources.

02:05:45 Rena Bradley3

They're high.

02:05:46 Rena Bradley3

They're going to be high risk if this.

02:05:49 Rena Bradley3

If they don't have access to what they need, when I was a kid, I get up, get on my bicycle and go all over held in creation.

02:05:56 Rena Bradley3

These kids will be able.

02:05:58 Rena Bradley3

Maybe there's no transportation in the house, but we able to jump on a bicycle or walk to the library.

02:06:03 Rena Bradley3

If you're really concerned about these children.

02:06:07 Rena Bradley3

Then you would not table this motion you get.

02:06:10 Rena Bradley3

Off your butts and do what you're supposed to do.

02:06:13 Rena Bradley3

Thank you.

02:06:17 Speaker 2

But now?

02:06:18 Daniel Kelly1

End of comments.

02:06:20 Robert Judge

I'm.

02:06:20 Robert Judge

Thank you, Mr. President, Madam. OK.

02:06:24 Robert Judge

So a couple of things. One.

02:06:28 Robert Judge

In this process, as it's gone, I I noticed there's a lot of.

02:06:34 Robert Judge

Animosity, perhaps.

02:06:38 Robert Judge

And I've always asked this question.

02:06:41 Robert Judge

If the money was deposited in 2018 and nothing happened until 2021, what happened to the animosity to the board that was here from 2018 to 2021?

02:06:52 Robert Judge

There was nothing.

02:06:53 Robert Judge

Nobody said any.

02:06:54 Robert Judge

I have the I have the floor, ma'am. I have the floor.

02:07:00 Robert Judge

I have the floor.

02:07:06 Robert Judge

And so, since 2021, pretty soon after I was seated on this board in February, we began moving this ball forward.

02:07:15 Robert Judge

And a project like this requires that.

02:07:20 Robert Judge

We have a good, prudent way to proceed with it and to make sure that what's done is what is necessary, which responsible those two things.

02:07:35 Robert Judge

The issue with the property there was an allegation made that.

02:07:41 Robert Judge

I did something illegal with the RFP. The request for production, this board was not.

02:07:49 Robert Judge

Under those and we have Council that at the time provided information that that statement was in fact not true and it was either made out of malice or ignorance.

02:08:01 Robert Judge

Not.

02:08:02 Robert Judge

And I won't make a comment on someone's motivation.

02:08:05 Robert Judge

To make that comment.

02:08:07 Robert Judge

And but the other thing too is this motivation, these these motivations that are assigned to someone. It actually took said. And I quote, I'm quoting myself now if it means South Regional Library has to be closed.

02:08:23 Robert Judge

In order to build this library, it should be done now.

02:08:28 Robert Judge

That doesn't have to be done because the board since that time of 20 has been fiscally.

02:08:35 Robert Judge

Very prudent with the money. Danny and Larry have done nothing but stellar work in regard to.

02:08:44 Robert Judge

Making sure they squeeze pennies and and because of that, we're in a position now to be able to actually move this forward now from a technical perspective.

02:09:06 Robert Judge

From a technical perspective, the motion to postpone indefinitely simply takes it off of this meeting.

02:09:14 Robert Judge

That's all it does.

02:09:16 Robert Judge

And so the this and again.

02:09:20 Robert Judge

Not knowing.

02:09:22 Robert Judge

The procedural issue involved with tabling versus postponing indefinitely.

02:09:27 Robert Judge

Know it's technical, but.

02:09:30 Robert Judge

It allows the board until next month.

02:09:32 Robert Judge

Is not unusual.

02:09:34 Robert Judge

We've had other issues that have come up and we said, look, we need to, we need to postpone this until we can gather enough information and people can be comfortable with the position that they take instead of we got a pile of information in four days later of.

02:09:50 Robert Judge

Voluntary.

02:09:51 Robert Judge

Make a decision.

02:09:53 Robert Judge

Worth, I don't know, \$12 million roughly.

02:09:59 Robert Judge

I think for people that have waited for 20 from 2011 till 2018.

02:10:05 Robert Judge

Map.

02:10:08 Robert Judge

It's terrible you had to wait that long that N was built and West was built. All these other libraries were built before this one.

02:10:16 Robert Judge

I don't know the answer to that.

02:10:17 Robert Judge

Wasn't here.

02:10:18 Robert Judge

I wasn't involved in it, but since 29/20/21 when I got on this board.

02:10:24 Robert Judge

We've moved this ball forward.

02:10:27 Robert Judge

And to we haven't.

02:10:30 Robert Judge

Please, please somebody if I am incorrect please somebody show.

02:10:35 Robert Judge

I'm going to ask somebody if I am incorrect. I will stand corrected if somebody can please show me a library agenda.

02:10:44 Robert Judge

Somebody can show me an agenda prior to 2020?

02:10:50 Robert Judge

That had any discussion about actually starting a NE committee, moving the ball forward, purchasing land, renting a space to begin a library to get some kind of data.

02:11:04 Robert Judge

There's nothing that was done during the time that that money was here and I'm sorry about that, but I didn't have anything to do with it.

02:11:12 Robert Judge

And to be able to to assign motivation.

02:11:19 Robert Judge

That is nefarious.

02:11:23 Robert Judge

Is umm.

02:11:24 Robert Judge

Is disingenuous and and misreading it so.

02:11:31 Robert Judge

Yes, we know Saul Alinsky's rules are radical.

02:11:34 Robert Judge

Read the book.

02:11:35 Robert Judge

I know the tactics.

02:11:38 Robert Judge

So anyway.

02:11:42 Ella Arsement

Mr. President.

02:11:43 Daniel Kelly

Has the floor please.

02:11:44 Daniel Kelly

Please, we almost.

02:11:46 Daniel Kelly

He has the floor, please.

02:11:47 Daniel Kelly

You.

02:11:48 Daniel Kelly

Thank you.

02:11:49 Robert Judge

So there's a motion on the floor.

02:11:51 Robert Judge

Was a second.

02:11:54 Robert Judge

The board members. I'll. I'll yield.

02:11:58 Ella Arsement

OK.

02:11:59 Daniel Kelly

It's arsenal.

02:11:59 Ella Arsement

All right.

02:12:01 Ella Arsement

So we did have our committee meeting last.

02:12:04 Ella Arsement

I apologize that I did not come up with this.

02:12:09 Ella Arsement

Spreadsheet until the day after the meeting.

02:12:14 Ella Arsement

I'm doing the best I can as a committee member and I don't think it is too much for the board to ask for.

02:12:22 Ella Arsement

Every bit of information that they can get.

02:12:26

To.

02:12:26 Ella Arsement

Build.

02:12:27 Ella Arsement

The right library that we can, we have to look at.

02:12:32 Ella Arsement

All libraries. So if this board is asking for information.

02:12:38 Ella Arsement

That will help them make a.

02:12:40 Ella Arsement

How much money will it take to build the bigger library?

02:12:44 Ella Arsement

How much money it will take to run that library?

02:12:49 Ella Arsement

How much money will we have?

02:12:53 Ella Arsement

10/12/20 years down the road.

02:12:57 Ella Arsement

Audience.

02:13:00 Ella Arsement

Please refrain from making comments while we're.

02:13:02 Ella Arsement

We are trying to do an honest job here.

02:13:05 Ella Arsement

We are trying to conduct a meeting.

02:13:08 Daniel Kelly

Holmes element.

02:13:11 Daniel Kelly

Hey, ma'am, we actually a few times.

02:13:15 Daniel Kelly

Well, a few times can.

02:13:17 Daniel Kelly

Can you just keep it down just for a second so we can?

02:13:19 Daniel Kelly

Through this please.

02:13:22 Ella Arsement

OK so.

02:13:24 Ella Arsement

We need the board is asking For more information and I don't think it's too much to ask that they get all the information that they need. So if y'all have any questions or any information that you need from the director.

02:13:40 Ella Arsement

Please let him know.

02:13:43 Ella Arsement

Oh, miss, miss norika. Miss frost. What?

02:13:46 Ella Arsement

Mr. Rica.

02:13:49 Ella Arsement

Could you please refrain?

02:13:52 Ella Arsement

You don't have to buy bag we want.

02:13:56 Ella Arsement

OK.

02:13:57 Speaker 23

Indefinitely. Oh, no, no, no, don't.

02:14:00 Ella Arsement

Get her out of here.

02:14:02

This is.

02:14:04 Daniel Kelly

The Nickelodeon.

02:14:06 Speaker 23

I'm taking this with me.

02:14:09 Daniel Kelly2

Can we please get an officer in here?

02:14:15 Speaker 23

I'm tired, baby.

02:14:16 Daniel Kelly5

I'm tired, baby.

02:14:16 Daniel Kelly2

Ma'am.

02:14:17 Ella Arsement

You need to.

02:14:17 Daniel Kelly

Ma'am, you are out of order.

02:14:20 Daniel Kelly4

Oh my God.

02:14:26 Speaker 2

Alright.

02:14:29 Daniel Kelly

We're gonna. She's.

02:14:31 Rena Bradley1

Saying.

02:14:32 Daniel Kelly

Umm.

02:14:34 Speaker 27

OK.

02:14:36 Daniel Kelly

Hold on, miss.

02:14:37 Daniel Kelly

One second, please.

02:14:44 Daniel Kelly9

No it.

02:14:58 Daniel Kelly

This is completely.

02:15:01 Daniel Kelly

Unnecessary.

02:15:03 Daniel Kelly

And we are, we are.

02:15:04 Daniel Kelly

I know you guys are passionate about getting it done.

02:15:07 Daniel Kelly

We want to make some decisions.

02:15:10 Daniel Kelly

This doesn't help us.

02:15:11 Daniel Kelly

This is I've never seen this in a meeting before.

02:15:16 Daniel Kelly

It's embarrassing.

02:15:19 Daniel Kelly

We act several times for you guys to be keep it down.

02:15:22 Daniel Kelly

Have the floor.

02:15:23 Daniel Kelly

This has been a very disruptive meeting and you guys want us, want us to make decisions, but you guys are acting this way.

02:15:30 Daniel Kelly

Not.

02:15:30 Daniel Kelly

Just a few you.

02:15:33 Daniel Kelly

This is going to be the last meeting this is going to happen like this.

02:15:45 Daniel Kelly

Getting up and tearing paper off.

02:15:49 Daniel Kelly

I hope you, ma'am the new, I hope the news media have have this on the news of a patron tearing up tearing up.

02:15:59 Daniel Kelly

It's it's not right.

02:16:04 Daniel Kelly

Mr. Glen is there officer available?

02:16:08 Daniel Kelly

So we're going to maintain peace and order in this.

02:16:11 Daniel Kelly

We're going to have, um.

02:16:14 Daniel Kelly

This young lady removed.

02:16:24 Daniel Kelly

It went a little bit too far and and we're not going to have, we're not going to have that.

02:16:31 Daniel Kelly

Went way too far.

02:17:04 Speaker 23

Everybody in the face of this *****, I don't.

02:17:15 Speaker 23

How far would be in the inner black woman?

02:17:17 Speaker 23

We know what the problem is.

02:17:42 Daniel Kelly

Miss Ella, if you may continue and I do apologize.

02:17:45 Ella Arsement

That's OK.

02:17:46 Daniel Kelly0

That.

02:17:48 Ella Arsement

So I do understand because this board has 10, we're going to have 10 libraries to look at and to oversee and to help make decisions for.

02:18:02 Ella Arsement

So I do understand that the board does need more information, whatever information that is. Please let Mr. Galain know so that we can get that as soon as possible and.

02:18:18 Speaker 24

Have it if if.

02:18:19 Ella Arsement

This motion does pass. We'll have it for the next meeting. Even if we have to call a special meeting.

02:18:26 Ella Arsement

I know the intention of this board is to build a library.

02:18:29 Ella Arsement

All want that.

02:18:31 Ella Arsement

OK.

02:18:33 Ella Arsement

It's so convenient for the public to stand up here and accuse us of not wanting to do this.

02:18:38 Ella Arsement

This, and they want us to build the the largest one and not even think about cost, but we as a board are charged with looking at all of that and we're we are responsible and I even though this is a volunteer position, I take this role very serious.

02:18:58 Ella Arsement

I.

02:18:59 Ella Arsement

I do so anyway.

02:19:05 Ella Arsement

No. So anyway, if this board needs more information, I would like you to have what you'll need.

02:19:12 Ella Arsement

Need to make an informed decision. Thank you.

02:19:18 Daniel Kelly

Mr. Danny question for you.

02:19:23 Daniel Kelly

At the.

02:19:23 Daniel Kelly

How soon can you get us the information to consider having a very quick, quick, special meeting?

02:19:31 Daniel Kelly

For all the information the board needs, we're going to vote on it here shortly. But just a question for you.

02:19:38 Danny Gillane

OK. Is the.

02:19:39 Danny Gillane

How soon can I have population data for three mile radius for these buildings and then?

02:19:48 Danny Gillane

Usage data.

02:19:50 Danny Gillane

For a year.

02:19:53 Danny Gillane

Five mile radius, 3 mile radius.

02:19:57 Danny Gillane

If you I can do, I can do my best to give you 3 mile and five mile radius population and I can give you a year's statistics for each of these branches.

02:20:08 Danny Gillane

Me two days.

02:20:10 Daniel Kelly

Two days.

02:20:11 Danny Gillane

Two days.

02:20:13 Danny Gillane

No 2 days.

02:20:17 Daniel Kelly

OK.

02:20:20 Danny Gillane

30.

02:20:21 Daniel Kelly

Days any any other comments from any of the board members?

02:20:28 Daniel Kelly

OK, we have a motion and a second I do we.

02:20:35 Daniel Kelly

Do believe we need to probably make an amendment.

02:20:39 Daniel Kelly

To maybe the language of that.

02:20:41 Robert Judge

It.

02:20:42 Robert Judge

Would you like me?

02:20:43 Robert Judge

Offer.

02:20:43 Daniel Kelly

Yep, I would like to one second. Mr. I would like to hear from Mr. Mr. Stewart on.

02:20:44 Robert Judge

Something. OK, if we if we go ahead.

02:20:46 Robert Judge

I'm sorry.

02:20:50 Daniel Kelly

A language that that would be.

02:20:55 Daniel Kelly

I would say.

02:20:57 Daniel Kelly

Versus tabling it.

02:20:59 Daniel Kelly

But what would you suggest if not refer to Mr. Judge?

02:21:10 Daniel Kelly3

I believe that the board can make a motion for our if it's till the next meeting, if it's to a special meeting that the board can postpone to the extent that it wants to postpone, I'm not. Actually, I couldn't speak to the specific Robert's rules of.

02:21:27 Daniel Kelly3

Technicalities, but also I know that the board.

02:21:30 Daniel Kelly3

Is.

02:21:31 Daniel Kelly3

Beholden to follow Robert Rules of order in every instance.

02:21:36 Daniel Kelly3

Correct. So I think that if whatever would be whatever the board would deem appropriate amount of time an appropriate amount of time to revisit this would be.

02:21:44 Speaker 29

OK.

02:21:44

Fine.

02:21:45 Robert Judge

President Kelly, maybe I can help with it.

02:21:46 Daniel Kelly

Sure.

02:21:49 Robert Judge

One of the things that, as President you can do is you can call a special meeting at any time possible.

02:21:55 Robert Judge

Mr. Galaine said to take him.

02:21:57 Robert Judge

To get all of this data for us. Umm.

02:22:00 Robert Judge

I guess you could pull the board members to see how much time it would take them to get all of the data digested and be ready to make a decision.

02:22:10 Robert Judge

That would be something that would be completely under your purview. If we go through an amendment process.

02:22:16 Robert Judge

We go through the whole voting and amending and comment and all of that and that would.

02:22:21 Robert Judge

But again, the discretion is you as far as.

02:22:26 Robert Judge

When you, if you wanted to do a special meeting, or if you wanted to just.

02:22:30 Robert Judge

Put this on the item agenda for the next month's meeting.

02:22:33 Robert Judge

That's entirely your discretion.

02:22:37 Robert Judge

So to postpone.

02:22:38 Robert Judge

To postpone indefinitely just means it's not tabled that could be brought up again at this meeting. It's just.

02:22:45 Robert Judge

Until it would be put on the agenda.

02:22:47 Daniel Kelly

Still have to address the motion on the.

02:22:49 Daniel Kelly

Right. OK.

02:22:49 Robert Judge

Yes, we still have to address the postpone indefinitely and it's a technical. It's just a technical term. That's all it is.

02:22:51 Daniel Kelly

Alright, OK.

02:23:02 Daniel Kelly

All right, so we so we have a motion in a second and we're gonna take a vote on that.

02:23:08 Daniel Kelly

I'm going to start with Miss Ella.

02:23:13 Ella Arsement

Yes.

02:23:18 Daniel Kelly

Mr. Eric.

02:23:19 Rena Bradley2

Yes.

02:23:22 Daniel Kelly

It's still a Raspberry.

02:23:24 Daniel Kelly0

Yes.

02:23:26 Daniel Kelly

Mr. Allen? Yes.

02:23:31 Daniel Kelly

Mr. Judge, yes.

02:23:36 Rena Bradley

Opposed.

02:23:38 Daniel Kelly

And Mr. Kelly, I oppose.

02:23:44 Danny Gillane

All right.

02:23:52 Daniel Kelly

One SEC.

02:23:54 Daniel Kelly0

Mr. President, make comment.

02:23:56 Daniel Kelly0

Just for availability purposes, maybe for this special that we would like to have.

02:24:03 Daniel Kelly

Yes, Sir. One thing, Mr. Delane, if you can have that to us in a couple days, then we're going to see. We can have a meeting at least at least by Monday of next.

02:24:14 Danny Gillane

OK.

02:24:14 Daniel Kelly

Or Tuesday of next week.

02:24:17 Danny Gillane

Can I ask a question?

02:24:17 Danny Gillane

OK so.

02:24:22 Danny Gillane

Three mile and five mile.

02:24:23 Danny Gillane

Radius populations for the branches.

02:24:27 Danny Gillane

And for the comparison statistics.

02:24:31 Danny Gillane

My suggestion and I'm asking this question is circulation, visitors program attendance and computer usage.

02:24:42 Danny Gillane

Am I missing anything that you would like?

02:24:46 Danny Gillane

I collect statistics on a lot of things and I I would you think a year worth of statistics on this. We have the numbers so.

02:24:55 Daniel Kelly

Mean you have the numbers for.

02:24:57 Danny Gillane

I have the numbers going back quite a while, but I would you want current year, three years, three years, OK.

02:25:07 Ella Arsement

Only the statistics, but financially.

02:25:10 Danny Gillane

OK, I don't.

02:25:12 Ella Arsement

Projections OK.

02:25:14 Danny Gillane

I don't understand that question.

02:25:16 Daniel Kelly0

Like operating cost to me.

02:25:16 Ella Arsement

Like operation cost for the library, if we went without option one or option 2 or option 3.

02:25:27 Danny Gillane

I can give you a rough estimate based on what Larry and I had discussed on what we think it would cost for option 2 and option 1 is a a number that's going to be based on.

02:25:31 Speaker 23

OK.

02:25:43 Danny Gillane

Of projection, I mean it's not going to.

02:25:45 Ella Arsement

Be exact, OK. And also for me programming programming in the future for all libraries is important because I'm sure there's things that.

02:25:54 Danny Gillane

I can't speak to.

02:25:58 Danny Gillane

I can't.

02:25:58 Danny Gillane

I honestly, I can't speak to that.

02:26:01 Danny Gillane

The programming in the future.

02:26:04 Danny Gillane

I can give you the numbers for what we've done in the past.

02:26:08 Danny Gillane

For the last three years.

02:26:09 Daniel Kelly0

For you.

02:26:10 Danny Gillane

But honestly, I couldn't tell you what we're going to do programming wise for this building. The one that I'm most familiar with.

02:26:21 Danny Gillane

Projecting forward, it's dependent on too many things.

02:26:26 Ella Arsement

You know, just for me it's the concern for.

02:26:30 Ella Arsement

I don't want to see this library system go backwards and not have enough money to support all libraries.

02:26:38 Ella Arsement

So.

02:26:44 Daniel Kelly0

Can we agree that he's gonna add the operating costs in?

02:26:47 Daniel Kelly0

As well.

02:26:47 Danny Gillane

I I'm gonna give you what my projected operating cost for a new library would be.

02:26:53 Speaker 27

That would be very good.

02:26:54 Daniel Kelly2

And Mr. Galain, where did the additional request for funds for the cost of construction?

02:26:59 Daniel Kelly2

Where did those numbers come from?

02:27:03 Danny Gillane

For the the \$3,000,000 additional for the 17,500 square foot.

02:27:11 Daniel Kelly2

5 million I'm just curious was that?

02:27:12 Danny Gillane

So the the the three million was Larry and I working with the consultant and rough estimates on what construction per square foot.

02:27:24 Danny Gillane

Lost.

02:27:25 Danny Gillane

And then.

02:27:27 Danny Gillane

Actually, Maureen.

02:27:30 Danny Gillane

Did the rough numbers for the additional money for the 20,500 square foot actually during the committee meeting?

02:27:38 Daniel Kelly2

OK. And Miss Maureen, was that numbers that were used current numbers or was that previously when some of the estimates were given and we just took a construction per square foot cost or how did we do that?

02:27:48 Daniel Kelly8

Exactly. It was construction per square foot cost just based on historic data.

02:27:53 Daniel Kelly8

No design has been.

02:27:54 Daniel Kelly8

So it's definitely rule of thumb and historic data.

02:27:58 Daniel Kelly2

But we've used.

02:27:59 Daniel Kelly2

To the best of our ability, current construction cost not 2019 or 20. When all this started.

02:28:05 Daniel Kelly8

That's correct, but it hasn't been escalated out a number of years.

02:28:10 Daniel Kelly8

So it is current because it's also hard to predict what construction costs will be.

02:28:10 Daniel Kelly2

Yeah, I understand. Yes.

02:28:14 Daniel Kelly2

Of course. Yeah. Thank you for that.

02:28:18 Ella Arsement

Also, Mr. Gholaine in the original plan for building this NE library, there wasn't a warehouse attached to the plan.

02:28:29 Ella Arsement

So I would like some numbers on what that would look like if the board.

02:28:34 Wayne Colvin

Word.

02:28:35 Ella Arsement

Would build the warehouse.

02:28:40 Ella Arsement

Either with this project or even in the future.

02:28:44 Danny Gillane

Larry and I projected the cost of the warehouse would be \$1,000,000.

02:28:48 Danny Gillane

We built.

02:28:49 Ella Arsement

Now.

02:28:49 Danny Gillane

With this project.

02:28:51 Danny Gillane

And.

02:28:53 Danny Gillane

OK. And we projected it would probably if we delayed it into a different year would probably be 1.41 point \$5 million.

02:29:02 Danny Gillane

However, as Larry has pointed out, give me one second.

02:29:08 Danny Gillane

Oh no, but this is good.

02:29:11

Where I put it.

02:29:13 Speaker 2

Ah.

02:29:16 Danny Gillane

So as Larry has pointed out.

02:29:22 Danny Gillane

The warehouse could be a bid alternate and just not accepted as part of the project. If bids come in over budget, it could be designed and planned, but if it costs too much it doesn't get built or we add money at the point we are ready to build.

02:29:34 Danny Gillane

After the library is built.

02:29:37 Ella Arsement

Can you send a copy of that to all of the board members so that we just have it to refer back to when we're looking?

02:29:43 Ella Arsement

Everything. Yes, ma'am.

02:29:44 Daniel Kelly2

OK, miss.

02:29:45 Daniel Kelly2

I'd like to add that you know you and I and Larry met at a facility looking at it for a couple of different purposes. We currently have just for the board's knowledge we currently have.

02:29:55 Daniel Kelly2

Some storage space where a lot of things are being stored and that's coming to an end, and that cost is going to increase. And so that was something that we all discussed and I I fully support.

02:30:07 Daniel Kelly2

Book building that facility to give us the storage we need because what's coming, I think in a year and a half, if I remember correctly, somewhere along those lines.

02:30:16 Daniel Kelly2

Is that we're going to have to go out and acquire more space anyway, and so making it a part of this, I think is a is a great idea just to open a little bit more on that.

02:30:25 Danny Gillane

If I may.

02:30:28 Danny Gillane

The warehouse cost is not going to affect construction of a library.

02:30:34 Danny Gillane

And as I have said and Larry said at the committee meeting, we do not have to build the warehouse until after the library is completed.

02:30:49 Robert Judge

Alright.

02:30:53 Daniel Kelly

OK.

02:30:56 Daniel Kelly

Thank you, Mr. Clay.

02:30:58 Daniel Kelly

All right.

02:31:01 Daniel Kelly

Moving on to the announcements reminder that the next library board meeting will be Monday, March 17th.

02:31:08 Daniel Kelly

Reminder, the personal finance is glorified form due before May 15th.

02:31:13 Daniel Kelly

Reminder, the yearly ethics training and secular asset training must be completed before December 31st, 2005.

02:31:20 Daniel Kelly3

Are.

02:31:21 Daniel Kelly

We have any comments from the public on any other library matter on this?

02:31:25 Daniel Kelly

Not related to this agenda.

02:31:32 Daniel Kelly1

Wait, hold on.

02:31:35 Speaker 5

What?

02:31:36 Daniel Kelly1

They delayed it, they delayed it.

02:31:39 Daniel Kelly2

Because it was delayed, there will be no comments on that at this time.

02:31:43 Daniel Kelly1

This is the one.

02:31:44 Daniel Kelly2

Unless you choose to go and open.

02:31:52 Daniel Kelly1

They voted on the motion, Mr. Coleman.

02:31:55 Robert Judge

There's no motion on the floor regarding the library so that it's moved.

02:31:55 Danny Gillane

The.

02:31:56 Danny Gillane

Delayed.

02:32:01 Robert Judge

Nothing to discuss because it's not on the agenda.

02:32:04 Robert Judge

Was taken off.

02:32:06 Daniel Kelly

Any comments related to that on the agenda?

02:32:10 Rena Bradley0

OK.

02:32:11 Daniel Kelly

OK.

02:32:14 Daniel Kelly1

They delayed it, Mr. Colvin.

02:32:16 Daniel Kelly1

That's what you were speaking on the delay.

02:32:23 Daniel Kelly

They gonna call up.

02:32:25

Mr.

02:32:27 Daniel Kelly1

Mr. Colvin, you did speak on the delay.

02:32:27 Speaker 5

About to talk to her.

02:32:33 Daniel Kelly1

They.

02:32:33 Daniel Kelly1

They they it was tables that were.

02:32:36 Daniel Kelly1

Cures.

02:32:37 Wayne Colvin

We could still discuss this.

02:32:39 Speaker 5

No, we can't.

02:32:40 Daniel Kelly0

No.

02:32:41 Speaker 5

It's we can't talk about it anymore.

02:32:42

OK.

02:32:43 Daniel Kelly1

So what?

02:32:44 Daniel Kelly1

Anything, not everything else. But what was discussed today.

02:32:45 Speaker 5

Talk about.

02:32:46 Speaker 5

Everything.

02:32:48 Daniel Kelly

Any comments not related to the agenda?

02:32:50 Daniel Kelly1

Yes. Melanie champine.

02:33:00 Daniel Kelly5

Melanie Champaign.

02:33:02 Daniel Kelly5

Lafayette Parish.

02:33:06 Daniel Kelly5

OK so.

02:33:10 Daniel Kelly5

Oh, this is exhausting.

02:33:12 Daniel Kelly5

So umm, what I didn't hear tonight?

02:33:17 Daniel Kelly5

I didn't.

02:33:18 Daniel Kelly5

I counted. Let me see.

02:33:21 Daniel Kelly5

When I stored accounting accounted 9 times the population was mentioned.

02:33:29 Daniel Kelly5

Umm, this is just when I started counting.

02:33:32 Daniel Kelly5

Several data laid out research clarity, but I didn't hear about how this would impact the children.

02:33:43 Daniel Kelly5

Who live in the neighborhood like I didn't hear about the kids.

02:33:48 Daniel Kelly5

We are 47th.

02:33:51 Daniel Kelly5

In educational outcomes, the fact that the cops have to be called on a black lady speaking during Black History Month from a man who likes to whisper to women after meetings who wanted to take.

02:34:08 Daniel Kelly5

Who took diversity out of the mission statement?

02:34:10 Daniel Kelly5

Real Rich Robert judge.

02:34:12 Daniel Kelly5

Is really rich.

02:34:14 Daniel Kelly5

We are 47th in education along with the rest of the Gulf states, and here we are fighting over building a library that we have the money to build.

02:34:25 Daniel Kelly5

Let me ask you, can we commit when you get your data?

02:34:29 Daniel Kelly5

When you get your numbers, when you get all the information that you apparently need that you really could have come here prepared with, can we make a decision at the next meeting?

02:34:41 Daniel Kelly5

Because it's time you got the community in an uproar. They're about to riot here because y'all keep playing games. You keep doing things that prolong it, and then you want us to eat it and accept it and believe that this is about financial responsibility.

02:34:58 Daniel Kelly5

It's just.

02:35:00 Daniel Kelly5

Don't you blame us for having enough of your stuff.

02:35:05 Daniel Kelly5

Don't blame us for getting upset because you keep prolonging a library that's gonna belong to the black community.

02:35:12 Daniel Kelly5

I find that absolutely offensive and none of us have forgot that you took diversity out of that mission statement.

02:35:19 Daniel Kelly5

It's insulting to act like.

02:35:21 Daniel Kelly5

We are the bad people who are just causing a ruckus here.

02:35:25 Daniel Kelly5

Asked for the cops to come in.

02:35:28 Daniel Kelly5

Because you made people.

02:35:30 Daniel Kelly5

Because you tried to table something indefinitely that we've been trying to do for several years.

02:35:35 Daniel Kelly5

The fact that you're asking for data is just irresponsible. That you came here unprepared.

02:35:41 Daniel Kelly5

Do not act like we believe a second that this is about more data.

02:35:45 Daniel Kelly5

This is ridiculous, and Mr. Judge, don't you ever.

02:35:50 Daniel Kelly5

Ever come back and whisper in my ear like a creepy man?

02:35:55 Daniel Kelly5

You will not intimidate me.

02:35:59 Daniel Kelly1

Miss Margaret Oakhurst.

02:36:07 Speaker 5

Mr. Kelly, I want to apologize to you for my behavior earlier.

02:36:11 Speaker 5

The rest of you, I got nothing. Nothing. Nothing. Reena. Excuse me, sweetie, but the point of it is, is that this is.

02:36:23 Speaker 5

A pattern.

02:36:24 Speaker 5

It's a pattern and we are exhausted with it and we see you all the cabal. We see the cabal, we see it working and it's not working for our children, is what it's doing so.

02:36:40 Speaker 5

I just want to say, Mr. Kelly, I meant no disrespect to you because I am fighting for the Northside.

02:36:51 Daniel Kelly1

Wayne Colvin.

02:36:56 Wayne Colvin

When Calvin left at parish.

02:36:59 Wayne Colvin

Oh.

02:37:01 Wayne Colvin

Let me.

02:37:03 Wayne Colvin

Let me say population thing that the the circles.

02:37:11 Wayne Colvin

Or furnished by leader.

02:37:13 Wayne Colvin

And I talked to leader.

02:37:16 Wayne Colvin

And those radius circles as a crow flies.

02:37:21 Wayne Colvin

So irregardless of where it lands.

02:37:23 Wayne Colvin

They calculate all that population.

02:37:28 Wayne Colvin

It's a formula.

02:37:29 Wayne Colvin

A more like an algorithm which is a specialized formula that says this is what it is. When you go one mile east from Moss Bluff.

02:37:41 Wayne Colvin

Excuse me from.

02:37:44 Wayne Colvin

Our location.

02:37:46 Wayne Colvin

You in.

02:37:47 Wayne Colvin

Martin parish. You go a little bit more than a mile West and you crossing over the Interstate.

02:37:55 Wayne Colvin

It's irregardless of the impediments that are there. So the population that generates from these circles are irrelevant when you've got major impediments.

02:38:10 Wayne Colvin

Now you know wide open areas Kansas, Oklahoma or maybe down South here somewhere where you got roads that go across all the way and you don't have to go around about interstates and rivers and everything.

02:38:25 Wayne Colvin

This is more relevant now.

02:38:29 Wayne Colvin

Let me give you something else.

02:38:30 Wayne Colvin

Pass this around.

02:38:35 Wayne Colvin

You already have one because I.

02:38:36 Wayne Colvin

It out to.

02:38:37 Wayne Colvin

The Public Service Commission coming to the committee.

02:38:41 Wayne Colvin

At the last meeting is the LP s s districts and.

02:38:46 Wayne Colvin

District 9 has no library.

02:38:50 Wayne Colvin

District 1 has no library branch whatsoever, so.

02:38:56 Wayne Colvin

That's the statistics that.

02:38:59 Wayne Colvin

You need to be aware of so the other thing about this circle is that.

02:39:07 Wayne Colvin

You don't see a circle around Maine, a three mile radius around.

02:39:12 Wayne Colvin

Main library and certainly if you within couple of miles of that or one mile of that you'd be going to that. You'll also notice on the map just handed out to you that.

02:39:26 Wayne Colvin

Part of District 4, Lpss district for Lafayette Parish School system for.

02:39:32 Wayne Colvin

Goes down Johnson St. almost.

02:39:36 Wayne Colvin

To college, try.

02:39:39 Wayne Colvin

Not all those people are going to go to.

02:39:41 Wayne Colvin

Any patrons that can go, so they're not going to be going to the Northeast Library. You just got to take all that into consideration.

02:39:50 Wayne Colvin

It's difficult because that area is so locked in.

02:39:54 Wayne Colvin

I support a library there in the Northeast section, but we got a limited in size.

02:40:01 Wayne Colvin

Thank you.

02:40:01 Daniel Kelly1

Cindy fox.

02:40:05 Ella Arsement

Times up, Mr. Wayne.

02:40:06 Daniel Kelly

Oh, thank.

02:40:09 Daniel Kelly

Thank you, Mr. rain.

02:40:16 Robert Judge

I have fun. Thank you, Sir.

02:40:18 Daniel Kelly

Thank you, Mr. rain.

02:40:20 Daniel Kelly0

Great job.

02:40:25 Speaker 24

Well, what can I say?

02:40:26 Speaker 24

You never fail to disappoint.

02:40:30 Speaker 24

I came here tonight excited.

02:40:34 Speaker 24

Hope because you were going to pick an option you were going to finally build the library on the Northside.

02:40:42 Speaker 24

And all we get are excuses.

02:40:47 Speaker 24

I mean, I just don't know what to say.

02:40:49 Speaker 24

I'm going to go home and cry once more because of what this board has done.

02:40:55 Speaker 24

While I'm standing in a library.

02:40:59 Speaker 24

That won't even celebrate.

02:41:00 Speaker 24

Black History Month.

02:41:04 Daniel Kelly1

Doctor green.

02:41:07 Rena Bradley0

Hmm.

02:41:10 Rena Bradley4

And M Christian Greene from Lafayette, you can call me Christy.

02:41:13 Rena Bradley4

I haven't been here in months and in the meantime this summer, the League of Women Voters of Louisiana, which I currently serve as president, submitted a resolution on public libraries to our National Convention.

02:41:26 Rena Bradley4

It was overwhelmingly.

02:41:28 Rena Bradley4

We're not who The Who should who? The 14 people are.

02:41:31 Rena Bradley4

Against it.

02:41:31 Rena Bradley4

Maybe they were Russians and hacked, and we don't know, but we're allowed for where as statements and the final statement. So here it.

02:41:39 Rena Bradley4

Is whereas libraries serve not only as vital hubs of access to information, resources and programming, but also as crucial civic spaces for people to come together to learn, debate, organize, and enjoy a wide range of intellectual, cultural, and civic and recreational opportunities.

02:41:58 Rena Bradley4

Whereas libraries provide Internet access and a range of online resources that contribute to digital equity, both in ordinary times and in situations of emergency and disaster.

02:42:08 Rena Bradley4

When they serve as crucial life lines.

02:42:11 Rena Bradley4

Whereas libraries are crucial places for citizens and voters to gather to access tools and practice skills of democracy, including through opportunities to participate with professional library staff, library boards, and local governing authorities and setting library policies and programming.

02:42:28 Rena Bradley4

Whereas libraries have been subject to censorship efforts targeting groups on the basis of age, gender, race and other status, along with calls for defunding and or privatization that threaten their status as public.

02:42:41 Rena Bradley4

Institutions and public resources.

02:42:43 Rena Bradley4

Therefore, be it resolved that public libraries are essential institutions for strong, viable and sustainable democracies, and that access to materials, resources and programming provided by public libraries is a civil right which should be enjoyed by all and distributed equitably in our communities.

02:43:01 Rena Bradley4

Please consider this as you continue this.

02:43:04 Rena Bradley4

Process.

02:43:06 Rena Bradley

Thank you.

02:43:09 Daniel Kelly1

Matthew Humphrey.

02:43:16 Speaker 25

Oh no.

02:43:18 Speaker 25

Did he leave? Robert didn't.

02:43:19 Speaker 25

I have a copy of this for him.

02:43:21 Speaker 25

A hard copy.

02:43:22 Speaker 25

Oh, there he.

02:43:22 Speaker 25

Excellent. So this is a hard copy of my testimony.

02:43:30 Speaker 25

So yeah, I brought a signed copy of my testimony from my.

02:43:35 Speaker 25

I was exonerated by a judge on Friday three years ago in this same room.

02:43:40 Speaker 25

He lied, outright lied, and he got upset that people called out his lies and he called the cops on the *****.

02:43:50 Speaker 25

There was a heterosexual man that disrupted this meeting way louder. Way louder.

02:43:55 Speaker 25

Do you want out?

02:43:57 Speaker 25

The one he didn't agree.

02:43:58 Speaker 25

The one fighting for gay books, the one fighting for building a library on the black side of town.

02:44:03 Speaker 25

He has done this for.

02:44:05 Speaker 25

I don't know any of y'all y'all weren't here during those meetings.

02:44:08 Speaker 25

Don't know me.

02:44:09 Speaker 25

I'm just the angry gay man, and that's what it was meant for us.

02:44:12 Speaker 25

Him out of the library for three.

02:44:14 Speaker 25

Keep him out of the meeting in the back of a cruiser for hours.

02:44:19 Speaker 25

As though I committed a crime and a judge looked at my testimony, and that's a board document. That's not for Robert. And I want you all to see it.

02:44:25 Speaker 25

Need to turn on klfy 'cause. It's sinister. The reason why he's on this board and I pray that none of you all are in lunsford's pockets too.

02:44:31 Speaker 25

The receipts are all.

02:44:33 Speaker 25

And don't think I won't connect the dots because what he didn't know about me.

02:44:36 Speaker 25

Is that I'm a retired private investigator. The first night we ever met was the night of Drag Queen story time. I connected all the dots.

02:44:42 Speaker 25

All.

02:44:42 Speaker 25

There he was, put in place on this board to sabotage tax renewals.

02:44:48 Speaker 25

So that wealthy property owners in this city don't have to continue to pay high taxes for libraries for little black kids. Why?

02:44:55 Speaker 25

We get there, they get their library on their side of town where they own all these sorts of things.

02:44:59 Speaker 25

That's valid for their taxes, but they don't want the tax renewal.

02:45:01 Speaker 25

Why they labeled it Kenneth Boudreaux Library.

02:45:04 Speaker 25

Kenneth Boudreau, the former Black Councilman that brought it over the line.

02:45:07 Speaker 25

Was \$8 million.

02:45:09 Speaker 25

It was a long *** time ago, y'all.

02:45:12 Speaker 25

They have been using tax tactics to stop this up to the point of arresting me three years, three years of my life, this liar, this fascist has taken and I have standard in this podium and I love that he's ignoring me because.

02:45:25 Speaker 25

A coward.

02:45:27 Speaker 25

He's a coward and a judge looked at every bit of.

02:45:29 Speaker 25

That judge looked me in the eye and said he read every word on that page.

02:45:32 Speaker 25

You all are going to read.

02:45:33 Speaker 25

You're welcome to.

02:45:34 Speaker 25

Me, I have no issue with you, but you're welcome to. I'm not breaking the law and a judge said.

02:45:40 Speaker 25

LGBTQ judge exonerates LGBTQ activists apologizes for arrest in three years prosecution because of this cancer that you all continue to do the bidding of. I think it's no Sir.

02:45:48 Speaker 25

Will not be quiet.

02:45:50 Speaker 25

I think it's cute that he calls you president.

02:45:54 Speaker 25

That's cute.

02:45:54 Speaker 25

I mean, congratulations on the placard and the title and maybe they all actually respect you.

02:45:58 Speaker 25

That man's just using that word, I assure you.

02:46:01 Speaker 25

Anyway, it's all right there.

02:46:03 Speaker 25

Turn on your TV's. At this point, I want you to remove him and at this point I'm bringing numbers to City Council or Parish council if you want.

02:46:11 Speaker 25

And if I have a problem with one of you guys over the same kind of gay nonsense trying to ban gay books, we're going to have a problem too.

02:46:18 Andrew Duhon

Yeah.

02:46:18 Daniel Kelly1

Mitzi Miller, Maddox.

02:46:26 Daniel Kelly4

Hi, Mitzi Miller Maddox of Lafayette Parish resident and taxpayer.

02:46:33 Daniel Kelly4

I guess I'm just going to take this time to talk a little bit about respect.

02:46:39 Daniel Kelly4

I you know, we come to these meetings.

02:46:41 Daniel Kelly4

I don't come here because I think that you folks are going to do anything good because you know, history shows that you don't.

02:46:49 Daniel Kelly4

I just come here so that you know, there are people on the public record so that one day when my grandchildren are.

02:46:56 Daniel Kelly4

Studying fascism, they'll know that their grandma was on the good side.

02:47:00 Daniel Kelly4

And you guys?

02:47:02 Daniel Kelly4

Are the bad guys. You're the fascists.

02:47:05 Daniel Kelly4

Anyway, respect, you know we have board members that talk to people in the Community very disrespectfully. Miss our small. You know, I think I learned in kindergarten that when you address somebody, you don't address them on a first name basis unless you have that sort of relationship and.

02:47:21 Daniel Kelly4

You don't with Miss Ross.

02:47:23 Daniel Kelly4

So you disrespect her and then, Oh my goodness, I'm.

02:47:27 Daniel Kelly4

Scared.

02:47:27 Daniel Kelly4

Have to call the cops. You.

02:47:28 Daniel Kelly4

I mean, it's just it's such a trope and you know you do these things.

02:47:34 Daniel Kelly4

Where you bring out the community, you waste everybody's time and then you say haha, too bad we're going to be fiscally responsible.

02:47:41 Daniel Kelly4

Everybody knows the.

02:47:42 Daniel Kelly4

I mean, we all know it.

02:47:44 Daniel Kelly4

And then you get angry or at shocked Pikachu.

02:47:48 Daniel Kelly4

And then you start yelling at everybody like we're a bunch of children because we're upset.

02:47:53 Daniel Kelly4

That you people are doing really bad things. You're not.

02:47:57 Daniel Kelly4

Not even good at this like.

02:47:59 Daniel Kelly4

If you came here and said, hey, look, listen, we don't like the people on the north side of town.

02:48:05 Daniel Kelly4

Don't respect them and we don't think that they deserve a library.

02:48:08 Daniel Kelly4

I would at least respect the honesty.

02:48:11 Daniel Kelly4

But it's the whole thing that we have to come here over and.

02:48:14 Daniel Kelly4

20/21/2018 I don't know and go through this whole song and dance where you guys say oh goodness, we just don't have the data for years and years. Like we don't all know the game.

02:48:24 Daniel Kelly4

We know the game like respect yourselves, honestly, at this point, it's really, truly pathetic.

02:48:30 Daniel Kelly4

Like it truly is.

02:48:30 Daniel Kelly4

I mean, I don't know.

02:48:32 Daniel Kelly4

I hope that you guys are OK that your grandchildren are going to be studying that their grandparents were fascist.

02:48:38 Daniel Kelly4

They won't be as well. Maybe.

02:48:44 Daniel Kelly1

Lynette Maya.

02:48:51 Speaker 21

Lynette Mejia Lafayette Parish.

02:48:54 Speaker 21

Couple things I wanted to talk about with you all.

02:48:56 Speaker 21

At the beginning of the meeting, you had to take a revote on an issue from last meeting.

02:49:03 Speaker 21

Where public comment was not called and justice I'm sure you all know this, but just in the interest of the public knowing this.

02:49:10 Speaker 21

Yeah, that was me.

02:49:13 Speaker 21

And.

02:49:16 Speaker 21

I noticed at the time that you didn't call for public comment and so I asked Stuart.

02:49:21 Speaker 21

Mr. Bro, what the deal was he?

02:49:24 Speaker 21

No, you did call for public comment and I thought, well, maybe I must have just misremembered that.

02:49:28 Speaker 21

So I went home and watched the video.

02:49:29 Speaker 21

Enough. You didn't call for public comment.

02:49:31 Speaker 21

So then I emailed Mr. Bro with that.

02:49:35 Speaker 21

Clip from the video and all the information.

02:49:37 Speaker 21

Hey, you actually didn't call for public comment. I got crickets.

02:49:41

7.

02:49:42 Speaker 21

So that's why I then took it to the next level. The attorney General's office to file an open meetings violation complaint.

02:49:51 Speaker 21

I have to assume malice and I'm sorry, but I do.

02:49:56 Speaker 21

You all have to follow the rules as well.

02:49:58 Speaker 21

You know, there's all this talk about how we're out of turn.

02:50:02 Speaker 21

Speak out of turn.

02:50:02 Speaker 21

Disrupt the meetings.

02:50:03 Speaker 21

But you all are also held to a standard to follow the rules and.

02:50:09 Speaker 21

You know, if I hadn't gone to the attorney general, just no public comment and two people wanted to comment on that, it was important.

02:50:17 Speaker 21

So just know that I'll.

02:50:19 Speaker 21

Do it again.

02:50:21 Speaker 21

The second thing is, and this is for all of you except for Mr. Judge, I would like you to just think about for a minute.

02:50:27 Speaker 21

Consider the possibility that he does this on purpose, and what do I mean by that?

02:50:35 Speaker 21

He could have made a motion to delay this vote one month he could have made a motion to delay this vote until you could have a special meeting.

02:50:42 Speaker 21

He deliberately chose words that would, he knew, would freak everybody out.

02:50:50 Speaker 21

And the meeting would explode. And sure enough, it did.

02:50:54 Speaker 21

Everybody lost their minds and he knew that would.

02:50:58 Speaker 21

Been it's not the first time some of you may remember a couple of years ago when we were having discussions about tiered card systems and restricted book comment.

02:51:09 Speaker 21

I mean content. He put an image on the overhead from a book in the library that he knew would.

02:51:18 Speaker 21

Freak everybody.

02:51:19 Speaker 21

We could have had that discussion without that happening, but we did not.

02:51:25 Speaker 21

He does this on purpose.

02:51:27 Speaker 21

He disrupts these meetings. He sets off these bombs on purpose so that we cannot have.

02:51:33 Speaker 21

A productive meeting and the members of the public come off as a bunch of.

02:51:38 Speaker 21

Woke crazies.

02:51:41 Speaker 21

But I want you all to just think about that.

02:51:43 Speaker 21

Don't have to.

02:51:44 Speaker 21

Say anything or do anything tonight, but I want you to just think back on the history of these meetings and what has happened.

02:51:50 Speaker 21

And what started all of that?

02:51:52 Speaker 21

Thank you.

02:51:55 Daniel Kelly1

End of comments.

02:52:01 Daniel Kelly1

The X #10.

02:52:04 Daniel Kelly1

Marilib Garcia.

02:52:10 Speaker 27

Umm.

02:52:12 Speaker 27

I was.

02:52:15 Speaker 27

Pleased to be appointed to this committee.

02:52:19 Speaker 27

It was a good committee.

02:52:20 Speaker 27

Said that already.

02:52:27 Speaker 27

Public.

02:52:28 Speaker 27

Public officials who appoint people.

02:52:31 Speaker 27

From the community who give their time and serve legitimately.

02:52:38 Speaker 27

And give it their best shot and try to be good public representatives.

02:52:43 Speaker 27

Deserve more respect than the way this has been done.

02:52:48 Speaker 27

I have two great passions in.

02:52:50 Speaker 27

One is literacy and the other is good government.

02:52:54 Speaker 27

And I've served in government, as I said, and I tried to demonstrate those passions in, in the work that I did.

02:53:04 Speaker 27

This is such an appalling.

02:53:08 Speaker 27

Example.

02:53:09 Speaker 27

Of good government that is not working for the people.

02:53:14 Speaker 27

Don't know how you can expect.

02:53:17 Speaker 27

To get.

02:53:19 Speaker 27

Caring people like myself and the others that served on this committee.

02:53:23 Speaker 27

To accept an appointment to a committee where this kind of thing happens, the term indefinitely was was is insulting.

02:53:33 Speaker 27

The emotion could have been specific.

02:53:36 Speaker 27

It was not what this does is it plays to people's fears that there will be no action and you're going to have an increasingly difficult time healing this breach of trust.

02:53:50 Speaker 27

I cannot begin to tell you my feelings about this. My heart is with this library for Northeast Lafayette for two reasons.

02:53:59 Speaker 27

One because it's needed.

02:54:02 Speaker 27

It's needed to help lift these people up socioeconomically.

02:54:08 Speaker 27

It's how it's to give them hope. It's to give them a place to gather safely.

02:54:13 Speaker 27

We talk about crime that happens on in Northeast Lafayette.

02:54:18 Speaker 27

And yet, here's an opportunity for us to have a safe place for them to be. That's.

02:54:24 Speaker 27

Sized and that's properly monitored.

02:54:27 Speaker 27

So there were so many good things about this that that are now being re.

02:54:34 Speaker 27

Cast in a negative light and it's insulting to the people of Northeast Lafayette.

02:54:39 Speaker 27

It's insulting to me and I live in South Lafayette.

02:54:42 Speaker 27

I know that their need is legitimate.

02:54:44 Speaker 27

The literacy, the economic development that is happening there.

02:54:48 Speaker 27

But I also know from from a pure business perspective that there does need to be.

02:54:57 Speaker 27

Fiscal responsibility, but you don't bring in data at the 11th hour that you haven't even presented to your committee.

02:55:08 Speaker 27

And we did ask the question about the cost from each option.

02:55:14 Speaker 27

And we were given it by the consultant that we're paying money for.

02:55:17 Speaker 27

So the data was not absent. Thank you.

02:55:27 Daniel Kelly1

Was there anyone I?

02:55:30 Rena Bradley

OK.

02:55:31 Daniel Kelly1

End of comments.

02:55:42 Daniel Kelly

Well to the.

02:55:44 Daniel Kelly

Thank you for that.

02:55:47 Daniel Kelly

Another comment, did you?

02:55:55 Speaker 29

Not sure how much time we have left.

02:56:04 Ella Arsement

Look, while we're waiting.

02:56:07 Ella Arsement

In all fairness to this board, they did not get the information into the last minute and that was not intentional.

02:56:14 Ella Arsement

So I apologize for the inconvenience and the trouble it caused.

02:56:18 Daniel Kelly

But she has the floor please one second.

02:56:20 Daniel Kelly

Missouri. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

02:56:21 Ella Arsement

No, it's OK. So.

02:56:25 Ella Arsement

For you know.

02:56:26 Ella Arsement

I'm doing the best I can as the chairwoman to get information and I didn't think of this until after the meeting because I wasn't sure of everything that was going to be presented at the meeting.

02:56:39 Ella Arsement

I assumed that this was going to be there.

02:56:41 Ella Arsement

Was there to.

02:56:42 Ella Arsement

The committee was there to listen.

02:56:44 Ella Arsement

We had minimal discussion.

02:56:47 Ella Arsement

The committee wanted to vote for Option 1, so we didn't have a lot of discussion about other things.

02:56:54 Ella Arsement

Their mind was made-up.

02:56:56 Ella Arsement

So here we are.

02:57:00 Rena Bradley

Here we are, miss Arsamat.

02:57:02

Open.

02:57:05 Daniel Kelly

Keep it one second, Miss Arsenal.

02:57:09 Daniel Kelly

Thank you and.

02:57:11 Daniel Kelly

It turned into.

02:57:14 Daniel Kelly

Would it turn into, let me say that I appreciate you acknowledging the fact that we got the information in the last moment.

02:57:22 Daniel Kelly

And we only trying to make the decisions based upon what we got at that moment.

02:57:27 Daniel Kelly

And.

02:57:30 Daniel Kelly

To anyone in the audience.

02:57:33 Daniel Kelly

Too young to learn, the lady who apologized? Let me just say, ma'am.

02:57:39 Daniel Kelly

I take no offense to to to anything.

02:57:44 Daniel Kelly

And I think the hope for the board doesn't cause if we, if we govern by emotions, we won't get anything done.

02:57:50 Daniel Kelly

But I I want to say for on the record that we you must probably we need to conduct ourself.

02:57:56 Daniel Kelly

Whole lot better than that.

02:57:58 Daniel Kelly

And it's not everybody.

02:58:02 Daniel Kelly

So going forward, we're going to have to probably talk, Mr. Glenn.

02:58:06 Daniel Kelly

About making sure that our meetings are done properly, fair in order.

02:58:10 Daniel Kelly

This cannot happen again.

02:58:13 Daniel Kelly

In regards to low law enforcement President.

02:58:20 Daniel Kelly

If you understand what I'm saying.

02:58:23 Danny Gillane

They are scheduled by Lafayette Police Department in advance and they have our meetings and it is not until.

02:58:32 Danny Gillane

Something happens that honestly, I noticed the officer is not here and so.

02:58:39 Danny Gillane

We will check in advance for future meetings.

02:58:43 Daniel Kelly

And as the President, you know, we don't know if someone is willing to attack someone. I don't.

02:58:47 Daniel Kelly

Going to attack Mr. Judge myself.

02:58:51 Daniel Kelly

And it's it's on camera and I think that's.

02:58:55 Daniel Kelly

That needs to be addressed please.

02:58:57 Danny Gillane

We'll make sure to check in advance.

02:59:02 Rena Bradley

Miss arsamon.

02:59:03 Rena Bradley

I just wanted to say that I personally did not have any fault with the information in the timeline that it was given.

02:59:11 Rena Bradley

We, as the members of the board, have been aware of your work and the I remember when the Northeast Committee was announced, I wasn't even on the board yet and and I thought it was so incredible.

02:59:22 Rena Bradley

That a committee with community members and the library board members were working together.

02:59:30 Rena Bradley

This has been a long and beautiful process, just as Miss Mary Lib has said.

02:59:35 Rena Bradley

You have said so.

02:59:37 Rena Bradley

I I want to especially I know I think Julia, but publicly thank you and that committee for what you've done. And I feel like the information has been transparent.

02:59:48 Rena Bradley

Been over abundant and I'm very grateful.

02:59:51 Ella Arsement

I'm trying.

03:00:00 Robert Judge

Handyman.

03:00:08 Daniel Kelly

Yes, Sir.

03:00:12 Ella Arsement

Mr. Gillain has to put it together.

03:00:17 Ella Arsement

Mr. Galaine will be working on it.

03:00:23 Daniel Kelly

OK.

03:00:23 Ella Arsement

It's not complete so.

03:00:26 Daniel Kelly

Mr.

03:00:30 Daniel Kelly1

These are in the restroom indisposed right now, OK.

03:00:32 Speaker 2

Any signs?

03:00:34 Speaker 22

Thank.

03:00:34 Andrew Duhon

You.

03:00:34

All.

03:00:35 Danny Gillane

Right.

03:00:37 Daniel Kelly

Are we taking more public comments?

03:00:41 Speaker 26

Any questions?

03:00:41 Daniel Kelly8

I think there's.

03:00:46 Rena Bradley4

I just wanted to say the other time that I had an occasion to think about the Northeast Library was in May when the Legal Defense Fund lawyers asked me to write a declaration for our case that's now going to the Supreme Court about the 6th Congressional District and.

03:01:02 Rena Bradley4

Googling NE Lafayette and all the things that have happened with libraries.

03:01:07 Rena Bradley4

And education and recreation and parks and the overwhelming.

03:01:11 Rena Bradley4

Thing that I took away from it was that while redistricting and voting rights are often seen as redressing historical issues of racism, this is something that's going on right now. It's not history.

03:01:24 Rena Bradley4

Going on right now and this is part of it.

03:01:27 Rena Bradley

Thank you, Doctor Green.

03:01:30 Daniel Kelly1

We have Councilman Ruben.

03:01:40 Speaker 20

Hello, my name is Councilman AB Ruben.

03:01:43 Speaker 20

Apologize for being so.

03:01:45 Speaker 20

I'm just getting off the highway so I can tell it's a little horse. I got a phone call.

03:01:51 Speaker 20

Excuse me as I was coming in and they telling me we want to.

03:01:56 Speaker 20

Permanent.

03:01:58 Speaker 20

Delay.

03:02:00 Speaker 20

Indefinitely. Indefinitely delay.

03:02:05 Speaker 20

OK.

03:02:08 Speaker 20

I don't think that's possible and I'm gonna tell you why I say I don't think it's right because.

03:02:14 Speaker 20

Ever since this library project was introduced, seemed like we've been kicking the can down the road.

03:02:21 Speaker 20

You know, every chance from we're going to we're going to rent the holy rolls. We're going to do this. We're going to do that. And and it's always something, man.

03:02:31 Speaker 20

You know, I'm saying just let it be built.

03:02:35 Speaker 20

What's wrong with it being built?

03:02:38 Speaker 20

OK.

03:02:40 Speaker 20

I don't know if you have something against it or what, Mr. Judge.

03:02:45 Speaker 20

You know what I'm saying?

03:02:46 Speaker 20

And I'll be honest with you.

03:02:49 Speaker 20

I'll be honest with you.

03:02:50 Speaker 20

Me personally, I've been trying to get you off of this board for the longest.

03:02:55 Speaker 20

You know.

03:02:55 Speaker 2

Nowhere.

03:02:56 Speaker 20

Yeah, I know. I want to be up front.

03:02:58 Daniel Kelly4

I'm I'm I'm a.

03:02:59 Speaker 20

I'm a straight up type of guy.

03:03:01 Speaker 20

I'm. I'm not going to sit here and sugarcoat it for you and pretend that I'm your biggest fan because I am not you.

03:03:10 Speaker 20

You.

03:03:11 Speaker 20

You've been trying to delay this project to almost stopping it.

03:03:17 Speaker 20

At every chance that you can get.

03:03:20 Speaker 20

And I'm sick and tired of it, man.

03:03:23 Speaker 20

You're like cancer that just keeps spreading.

03:03:27 Speaker 20

You know, and I mean some of these people, they're looking like they're scared to tell you something about your decisions.

03:03:36 Speaker 20

You know, and it's not fair to the public.

03:03:39 Speaker 20

Library is for everybody.

03:03:42 Speaker 20

You know what? I'm.

03:03:43 Speaker 20

It's not just for a religious cult or or or whatever different.

03:03:50 Speaker 20

It's for everybody, every race, every sex, every everything. You know what I'm saying?

03:03:57 Speaker 20

This is something.

03:03:59 Speaker 20

That's personal for me because I grew up in this library.

03:04:04 Speaker 20

We used to come here for few trips and do studies as a kid.

03:04:09 Speaker 20

Now the kids can't come here and learn too much of nothing because we're taking we keep taking.

03:04:16 Speaker 20

And taking from something we might as well change the name from public to personal library.

03:04:23 Speaker 20

Know what I'm saying? So.

03:04:25 Speaker 20

I'm glad you guys gave me this opportunity to come here and speak today and I think Miss Ellen has been working on this for a long time and it put a lot of effort into this thing.

03:04:36 Speaker 20

I wish I would just move forward and forget about that indefinite ending.

03:04:41 Speaker 20

Thank you.

03:04:47 Daniel Kelly

And we.

03:04:47 Daniel Kelly

To.

03:04:48 Daniel Kelly

A final comment, Mr. Judge.

03:04:50 Robert Judge

Yeah, I have a final comment.

03:04:52 Robert Judge

Mr. Rubin, can I'll address some of your concerns. And again this goes back, I've said this several.

03:05:00 Robert Judge

First of all, the motion to postpone indefinitely is part of Robert's rules of order and as opposed to tabling.

03:05:12 Robert Judge

Yeah, I'm addressing concerns and questions that have come up.

03:05:16 Daniel Kelly

Yeah.

03:05:22 Robert Judge

Correct.

03:05:26 Robert Judge

OK, according to the according to the rules, the questions certain questions.

03:05:33 Daniel Kelly

We we gave him the the floor to speak as I have the other discretion.

03:05:40 Daniel Kelly

Yes.

03:05:40 Daniel Kelly

Other discretion to give him the the floor to to speak.

03:05:43 Daniel Kelly

That's what he's going to.

03:05:43 Daniel Kelly

And then we're going to end the meeting.

03:05:45 Robert Judge

After that, again, I'll be brief.

03:05:48 Robert Judge

The this whole committee, the the initial committee in the beginning of moving this ball forward was.

03:05:56 Robert Judge

My impetus and that started in 2021 after I got on this.

03:06:00 Robert Judge

Board and the question of how to do it has been.

03:06:07 Robert Judge

Raised brought up, discussed gone over on numerous occasions.

03:06:13 Robert Judge

One of the parish council members made a comment about using a rental space, along with buying purchasing land.

03:06:22 Robert Judge

That was something that was.

03:06:23 Robert Judge

The board voted that down and said let's just we just going to purchase land, we did that.

03:06:29 Robert Judge

This ball got moved forward to get to where we are now.

03:06:35 Robert Judge

Of some board members had some serious concerns about all rebuilding the right size thing.

03:06:42 Robert Judge

If we're going to do.

03:06:43 Robert Judge

Or when we're going to do it, it's making sure we do the right thing with the, with the money that we have.

03:06:49 Robert Judge

That was allocated for this project.

03:06:51 Robert Judge

And so.

03:06:53 Robert Judge

According to the technicality of, instead of tabling it, we did an indefinite the President of this board can call a special meeting, which he's already indicated, that he will after we get the data that some of the board members asked for.

03:07:11 Robert Judge

And so that's going to happen.

03:07:14 Robert Judge

And I find it interesting that.

03:07:18 Robert Judge

The whole process has been.

03:07:22 Robert Judge

It's taken a little while to get to this point, but we've moved this ball forward.

03:07:26 Robert Judge

You recall this money was deposited and I keep going back to this and everyone wants to ignore this fact.

03:07:33 Robert Judge

This money was deposited in 2018.

03:07:37 Robert Judge

I was not on the board for three years until 2021 and since 2021 this project has moved forward because this Board 1 was fiscally responsible with the library's money to begin.

03:07:51 Robert Judge

Because before that we were running about an \$800,000 deficit per year.

03:07:58 Robert Judge

Then.

03:07:59 Robert Judge

In 2020, new board members began instituting, and again Lowry and and Danny have done a masterful job with the finances in order to get us to this point.

03:08:11 Robert Judge

Where the money can be used and developed into this project.

03:08:16 Robert Judge

Prior to that, the big sticking point was we can build it, but we don't have the finances in order to be able to staff it and to take care of the maintenance and the insurance and all the other things that go along with owning a piece of property.

03:08:30 Robert Judge

You know, as as as as anybody who would know, that's involved in Lafayette consolidated government or involved in a library. Every month we hear about the roof needs to be repaired etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. Those things cost money.

03:08:46 Robert Judge

And that money comes from somewhere.

03:08:48 Robert Judge

So all of those considerations had to take.

03:08:51 Robert Judge

But before that even happened, we had to be in a fiscally responsible position to even move the ball forward.

03:08:57 Robert Judge

Done that and we have the money to be able to move forward.

03:09:01 Robert Judge

And get this done.

03:09:02 Robert Judge

Now if a few board members are uncomfortable about getting a dump of information four days before this meeting and would like a little extra time, I I put up a motion in order to, according to the technicality of it.

03:09:17 Robert Judge

Postpone indefinitely, which simply means that it's off of this meeting. 'cause if you table it, you can bring it back at the same meeting and the whole point was is to get it to at least the next meeting.

03:09:28 Robert Judge

Meeting again, Mr. Kelly, who is the President, has the ability to call a special meeting if he so chooses. Or to put it on the agenda for the next month.

03:09:39 Robert Judge

Also, any board member on this panel can.

03:09:43 Robert Judge

Require or can request an item be put on the agenda and that item has to be put on the agenda and so.

03:09:51 Robert Judge

There's this is not going to go.

03:09:54 Robert Judge

You know this kicking the can down the road indefinitely and all of this and Infinity and all of that kind of nonsense. That's that's nonsense.

03:10:03 Robert Judge

Just not true. And and it's based on.

03:10:07 Robert Judge

I don't know what, but it's based on.

03:10:10 Robert Judge

I don't know what.

03:10:11 Robert Judge

Leave it alone.

03:10:12 Robert Judge

Don't.

03:10:12 Robert Judge

I can't read people's hearts, but sometimes people have the.

03:10:16 Robert Judge

Audacity to read my mind and what's in my heart.

03:10:20 Robert Judge

But they don't have.

03:10:23 Robert Judge

That's not true.

03:10:25 Robert Judge

And a lot of things that have been said or not true, like the RFP colon, it illegal, that's not.

03:10:31 Robert Judge

I have a document from our prior council that said we're not bound by the RFP, but that went out to gin up.

03:10:40 Robert Judge

Whatever animosity that you know, I didn't obey the law and I didn't do what was right.

03:10:47 Robert Judge

Again, not true.

03:10:50 Robert Judge

It's simply not.

03:10:51 Robert Judge

And if you'd like the legal opinion, I'll be happy to bring the letter and I'll bring it out next, next meeting. Whenever it is, I'll bring it.

03:10:58 Robert Judge

Enter it into the record.

03:11:00 Robert Judge

So those who made that allegation can maybe apologize.

03:11:05 Robert Judge

For.

03:11:06 Robert Judge

For the colony that they've created and.

03:11:11 Robert Judge

You know the ad hominem attacks that have gone on forever, and it's it's really sad that the very person that moved the ball forward to get this thing off of square 0 gets attacked about.

03:11:26 Robert Judge

Don't want to build a building.

03:11:28 Robert Judge

It's it's, you know, it's it's just kind of funny, but.

03:11:33 Robert Judge

You know, OK.

03:11:34 Robert Judge

It's not important other than the fact that it gets done eventually and hopefully we'll get this done. And so I hope everybody uses the information that Danny's going to provide for us shortly.

03:11:48 Robert Judge

And probably said way too much. I'm done.

03:11:51 Daniel Kelly

Thank you.

03:11:52 Daniel Kelly

All right.

03:11:54 Daniel Kelly

Thank you guys.

03:11:54 Daniel Kelly

Have a have a good night meeting the joint.