

East Cleveland Public Library
Special Board of Library Trustees Meeting
August 14th, 2021
14101 Euclid Ave. East Cleveland, Ohio 44112
12:30 p.m.

Mr. Rashid called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER
A. ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Rashid, Mr. Mays, Ms. Shaheed, Ms. Sharpley, Mr. Silvera, Ms. McDonald

A quorum exists. Present – 6; Absent - 1

Also present at the table were: Mr. Carlos Latimer (Executive Director), Mr. Cockfield (Fiscal Officer), Mr. E.F. Turner III (Exec. Admin. Assistant)

II. LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

(everyone is invited to sing)

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Rashid The next item on our agenda will be the approval of the agenda.

Mr. Mays Mr. Chairman, before we approved the agenda, it's been brought to my attention. I would like to add an additional item to the agenda. And at this time, I will ask to waive the 24-hour rule.

Mr. Silvera Second.

Mr. Rashid We have motion to the second. We take a vote. Mr. Turner, please call the roll.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rashid (yes), Mr. Mays (yes), Ms. Shaheed (yes), Ms. Sharpley (yes), Mr. Silvera (yes), Ms. McDonald (yes),

Yes – 6

Motion passes.

Mr. Rashid Six yeses, we can move forward.

Mr. Mays Before you move forward. Mr. Chairman, you need to state what you wish to add to the agenda.

Mr. Rashid Mr. Silvera wanted to add a topic to our discussion.

Mr. Silvera Adding the revised date for the East Cleveland Mayoral forum.

Mr. Rashid A revised date for the mayoral forum that we had to cancel due to power issues here at the building. So, how do we actually do that? Where do we put that on the agenda?

Mr. Mays It'd be last because the first thing on the agenda is in reference to the bid.

IV. RESOLUTION 08-01-2021: TO ACCEPT BID FOR DIGITAL DISPLAY

Mr. Rashid Thank you. Okay. So, the next item on the agenda is resolution 08-01-2021 to accept the bid for the digital display. At this point, should we just you know, kind of generally discuss what this resolution is about, because I think that everybody may not be fully up to speed as to what has occurred at this point.

Mr. Mays moved and Mr. Silvera seconds waiving the 24-hour rule to amend the agenda.

The 24-hour rule is waived to amended agenda.

Mr. Mays We need to put it before this board... Mister Chairman, I move that we consider Resolution 08-01-2021 to accept bids for digital display.

Mr. Silvera Second.

Mr. Rashid We have a motion and second is there any discussion?

Mr. Silvera Mr. Cockfield, can you bring the board up to speed on where we stand with bids and the whole process?

Mr. Cockfield I'd be happy to. What I have are two emails. Both directed to the county prosecutor. The first one actually was me writing him and the second one was his response to me. And I'm going to read the first "Mr. Musson, We placed a bid on the street to receive quotes for a marquee. The bid opening was yesterday 7/20/21, and only one vendor showed up with their bid. The bid was opened and read. Unknown to us a second bid had been mailed and received on Wednesday and was found on employee's desk. I verified the tracking information which showed the tracking receipt on Wednesday, the day before the bid was due. The first vendor is obviously under the impression that their bid was the only one received and after receiving an email from the second vendor questioning the results. I told him that he had not received his information. I've yet to contact him and let him know that it's been received." I have contacted him though; he now knows the bid was received. "My question, how do you suggest we proceed? We announced that the board will be making decision at their next regular meeting August 21. Your help is appreciated thanks". And here is his response. "I suggest that you reject all and rebid. Since the misplaced bid was not opened and read aloud that to date and time specified. I do not think it's valid to award on the basis since RCW. 33 75.41 c requires the public opening of the bids immediately after the time for their farming has expired". Which would mean at the time the bids were to be open. "I think if you award to the only bid open timely, you're open to suit from the misplace bid. If we open an award to the misplaced bidder, If it's lower, we're subject to suit from the timely opened, bidder. It's a no-win situation. And rebidding is our best option. Let me know if you would like to discuss. Thanks, Mark". So that was my question. And that was his response.

Mr. Rashid Thank you for your input Mr. Cockfield. I was going to ask if there's any other reactions or comments from the board members. We'll start with the start with them and come back to us at the end. So, I want to start with the other members of the Board.

Ms. Shaheed I think it is self-explanatory.

Mr. Silvera Yeah, I think it's pretty clear myself.

Mr. Rashid Okay with Mr. Mays.

Mr. Mays Yes. I have no problem with that. I would like a copy of both. ...A copy from the law director as well as the letter that you sent to him. And my discussion, I mean, my concern, we've been going through this for over a year, and I brought it to the board. Some time ago, it's been over a year. And I would make a motion now to move and we go back out for bids to get this matter settled once and for all. ...I had also discussed with the Director that all mails should come to one location and be signed in for receipt. And this would prevent these kinds of problems from occurring. And so other than that, Mr. Chairman, I move that we go back up for bids on this matter. As it has been suggested by our attorney.

Mr. Rashid So now that that motion is on the floor?

Mr. Silvera Well, I think we already have the one resolution we haven't voted down...

Mr. Rashid ...Okay. So, we first have this discussion before we entertain a second motion. Is there any other comments or discussion about the resolution?

Mr. Latimer Yes, I just want to share with the board, that everyone involved have been verbally counseled and coached. All of us will participate in the internal controls Policy Committee, where how we hand over receive mail will be part of the library's internal controls policy. So, I just want to let you know that's the action I took as Director.

Mr. Rashid Thank you. I think that that's important that it's on the record. I have comments, but I wanted to make sure that I get everybody else's feedback as well. From my own personal thoughts about this, what has happened over the course of this entire process, dealing with the marquee? The library at this time, has worked hard to develop a reputation... I think we're in a situation now where people respect us. They respect the integrity of our organization, and the intentions of our institution and it has to be aboveboard, to be transparent. And to try the best that we can in every instance to do these things in a legal and appropriate manner. Unfortunately, no matter how it happened, and Mr. Latimer, was just speaking about changing some of the internal control processes to make sure that it doesn't happen again. The fact is, right now that has happened. With the bid being for the amount of money that it is, and the process that we just went through, my recommendation at this time would be for us to just table it and give ourselves maybe 90-days. Whatever we feel appropriate to then come back at this again, with a fresh start and put the bid process in

place, the internal controls in place, and just do the entire process all over again. Because I just don't want anyone to have any hint of impropriety. About what we are attempting to do at the library. Being in a situation where we're in a volatile community where there's always headlines about various things. It very well could be someone who would be upset about the fact that they were here, they followed all the rules did what they were supposed to do. If we decided to go with someone else, it could put us in a situation where even though they legally would not have grounds if the hint of impropriety would be there. So, my recommendation at this time is that we just table the table the whole project for a few months, 30 days, 60 or 90, whatever we decide as a group, and then we attack it again, from a fresh start, have a clean, bid process and we open the bid, and make a decision. So that's pretty much my input.

Mr. Mays

Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that this process, proceed. We just follow the direction, it doesn't matter how many times we go out for bids, were times when we went out three or four times for bids. And so, whether we received a bid or not, we still could go out again for bids. So that has been the norms. not totally of this library. Because the library has, since I've been on this board has gone out several times for bids. So that's normal, that's not abnormal. ...But there were some discrepancies, that happen and I'm not going to go open that can of worms, I'm just going to deal with what's before us now, we can cancel this bid, and go back out for bids. And it's my understanding that the marquee could be erected between now and September or October, before it gets cold, or whatever. So, I've been dealing with this for some time now. And we need to put this to bed, and not just continue to procrastinate on this marquee. It plays a pivotal role in this library, and also advertise to the public, what's happening behind these four walls. And I hope that we will move on this today and authorize the administration to go back out for bids and resubmit the bids. And as for the person who received the bid, we read the bid, or what have you. And guess they have been notified that we are going to rebid this because of the fact that there was a bit that came in that we were not cognizant of, and our lawyer has also advised us to go back out for bids. And I do not wish to procrastinate any longer on this matter. I would like to bring it to a head whereas we can move forward and let people know what we're doing behind these closed doors.

Mr. Rashid

Mr. Vice President, I think that your statement clearly illustrates exactly why I'm thinking the way that I'm thinking, because when the abnormal becomes the norm. And in this case, this is abnormal have to be the same thing three times. And I don't think that a slight delay or pause to clear the air and begin the whole process. Again, fresh is any indication of procrastination. I think it's just wise judgment. So, in

my opinion, I think that I would like to get the board to decide what we'd like to do based on both of our arguments, we can decide which way we want to go because we're definitely going to build it there's no question about that. I just thought to avoid any hint of impropriety that we give ourselves a little bit of time and give the people who are involved in this industry a little bit of time and then just start over fresh, and we could probably complete the whole process within the legal allotted time. So those are my comments is there anyone else?

Mr. Silvera My only recommendation is that we have the question on the table, we have to vote on this up or down. And then the decision if the Building and Grounds Committee wants to resubmit a request to the full board to consider moving the process forward, I think that will be administratively the way to go about it. Keep it within the context of the board and committees

Mr. Rashid I like that. That sounds to me like that is the best way to move forward. Ms. McDonald?

Ms. McDonald I think we can have the best of both worlds. I think we can move forward, but also within our deadlines, we can set a parameter of when it will be done, so you can possibly get your way and he can get what he wants to.

Mr. Rashid Okay. So, I guess the motion on the floor now resolution 08-01-2021 to accept to bid. We've had a motion and it has been seconded. And the discussion. So, this concludes the discussion part of that. And then I'm going to ask Mr. Turner, to call for the vote, whether resolution 08-01-2021 is to be accepted or rejected?

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rashid (no), Mr. Mays (no), Ms. Shaheed (no), Ms. Sharpley (no), Mr. Silvera (no), Ms. McDonald (no),

No – 6

Mr. Mays
moved and
Ms. Shaheed
seconds
adopting
Resolution 08-
01-2020.

Motion fails.

Resolution
08-01-2021 is
not
approved.

Mr. Rashid Six No's, so the resolution to accept the bid has been defeated. No, we're not going to accept it.

Mr. Rashid was a motion on the floor for us to go back out. Now, for another bid on the marquee. Do I get a second?

Mr. Rashid Mr. Chairman, I moved that administration be empowered to go out for new bids for the marquee.

Mr. Rashid So, there's not been a second on this motion. So, it dies from the lack of a second. But how do we move to a discussion point, because I want to discuss it so that we can try to come up with a date that we all agree upon.

Mr. Mays Because is asked to go back out for rebids. That's what opens up the discussion when you want to go back, but it has to be put on the floor.

Mr. Rashid Well, I think that there's some confusion. Yes, Ms. McDonald?

Ms. McDonald So, I'm looking at the timeframe in which he said it would be it could be erected. I'm looking at the deadline as to when we want the bids in. And I'm looking at the time frame. So, if there was a let's say, hypothetically, if we place a deadline on when the bids should be in and then also have some type of approximation of when, after the bid is accepted, when the process will be as far as it being erected? Because maybe it can, or maybe it can fall into the time frame. Because I think your thing is, it's too soon, because we want to make sure that we proceed. And you know, without looking like we're incompetent of getting the bids done properly, right?, for lack of better term?

Mr. Rashid That's a great way to say it.

Ms. McDonald Okay. So, Mr. Mays, is saying that we have, you know, in some ways we look incompetent also, because we keep having it here and we're not moving forward. So how do we combine the two and maybe it's not necessarily moving forward as it is in setting the parameters as to when things are done, because we could possibly do it all at one time.

Mr. Rashid So, I'm gathered for what you're saying is that Mr. Mays, could reintroduce his motion and then we put a date on it when we go through the discussion part, can we do it that way?

Ms. McDonald He can do that, or he motions it to be placed on the floor with a deadline to have all bids in by a certain day, so that certain day can go out 45-days, which will still give us time where we're putting 45-days behind us of the bid being correct. After 45-days expires, then we can move forward.

Mr. Rashid Okay, so I guess the way that I'm hearing this and interpreting it, and if I'm wrong, please, you know, feel free to step in and correct me; is that, yes, we can actually vote yes on the motion to rebid. And then we can set 30 days from today that the actual bid goes out, and then there's a certain period of time once the bid hits the street before all the bids have to be in. But the key thing in my mind is the date that we actually placed the bid back in the street. And I would like to have at least a minimum of 30 days. So, we can agree to that...

Ms. McDonald ...Yeah, because both of you get what you want, you get that cool off period, he gets movement. I think that 30 days is enough time to kind of assess it, get it done and move forward.

Mr. Mays Mr. Chairman, it does not make us look incompetent by going back out for bids. And I can attest to this because I've been in government before, and we've been out for bids three to four or five times on the same project. Yes, and that does not make you look incompetent because you go out for bids, because some of the bids that came in did not meet our guidelines and couldn't perform the duties. And some of them were so high or whatever, and some of them were so low, we just felt that the right thing to do was to go back out for bids. And we did. And we have gone out for bids several times. So, I just want to eradicate that problem when you say it makes us look incompetent. No, it doesn't make us look like we all own our toes. And we are doing what we have to do; to look at things and make a decision that is incumbent upon this board to do that. And that's what we are doing, we are doing our job and which we need to do here in this library. So, I just wanted to remove that stigma that we looked at incompetent, because we're going back to rebid.

Mr. Mays And as I said, it does not reflect this board. It was the reflection and that's why I brought to Mr. Latimer's attention, redirecting where the mail comes in. Whereas it will be coming in and eradicate these problems that we've been encountering. That's where the problem lies. We're doing our due diligence. If we do less than that we're not doing our job. We are doing our job.

Mr. Rashid I'm in total agreement with you, Mr. Mays, and over many, many decades of being in business and running a multimillion-dollar corporation, my experience has been a little bit different. Because if the bid was rejected, because of the bidders, the people who were actually bidding and the specifications of details of those submitted bids were not acceptable to us as a team. By all means, we'll reject the bids when the issues are internal of the organization that put the bid out. That's where any perception of impropriety could be construed by someone from the outside looking in. And all I wanted to do was to just give us an opportunity to re-engage in this process and from our side of the fence, we do the same due diligence we will do and considering each bid that approaches us with our procedures. And there are no discrepancies about the way we handled bids. And that is why I wanted to just do it in that manner, but ultimately it is the decision of this board to decide how you want to move forward, and yes, I would like to let Mr. Mays to reintroduce his motion for us to send the bids back out again. And in that discussion part, we set the number of days that we would like to have before the bid hits the street again, and then all the outline procedures that Mr. Cockfield and the bidding process requires of us in terms of getting the bids back to us again, we'll be re engaged as they were the first time. So, with that being said, if there's any other input...

Mr. Latimer I may have missed this in the conversation earlier, but I think you all covered it. I said, Gerald's (Silvera) recommendation, and in Buildings and Grounds that we created really clean and clear timeline.

Mr. Rashid So rather than accept that motion, now, you're thinking we should go back to the Buildings and Grounds committee, which your suggestion is?

Mr. Latimer But I don't know what you all have accomplished or agreed to before that, but if there was no agreement. We can work things out in Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Rashid And I think we just did that. Okay. So, you want to reintroduce your motion?

Mr. Mays Before I do. What is the disposition, Mr. Turner, of the resolution?

Mr. Silvera We voted it down.

Mr. Silvera Does the record reflect that?

Mr. Rashid Yes.

Mr. Mays I motion to move, Mr. Chairman, that we go back up from the edge of the marquee.

Mr. Rashid Can we have 30 days to that...In your motion?

Mr. Mays I wouldn't want to set it that long because we've been told by the people, to get it installed the ground would still be soft or we could wait until after winter.

Mr. Rashid For \$80,000, they'll put it in in a snowstorm.

Mr. Mays But anyway, I would say half that 15-days at most.

Mr. Rashid I wanted 90-days. But I mean, I'm compromising and saying 30-days give us 30-days, clean everything up and then, Mr. Cockfield will, put it back out. T give time to update the internal process and letting the air clear. Because you know, we do have one bidder that's been here faithfully every single time. And if that person doesn't get to bid because somebody underbid them, or for whatever reason. It's just going to look funny to them. In my mind if I was that person, I would say look, something's wrong with this. And that's what we don't want. Because honestly, the only problem was it was an internal mistake that was made. But we made it, they didn't. They did everything right. Well, let's vote.

Mr. Mays It hasn't been seconded yet...

Mr. Silvera Second.

Mr. Rashid Okay, so the motion on the floor

Mr. Turner How do you have the motion on the floor Mr. Turner?

Mr. Turner The way I currently have it, is the way I had it before with the bid that died from a lack of a second. We don't have a timeline set.

Mr. Rashid Okay, well, we can go ahead and pass the motion and then we can just decide on the number of days among ourselves. Is it? Would that be legally proper?

Ms. McDonald Yes. But how long is this discussion if there is no negotiation and everybody's saying, okay? We'll be right back to the same thing.

Mr. Rashid That's true. So, I like 30 days. Is there any other input from other board members as to how many days you'd like or if you'd like to wait at all?

Mr. Rashid I'll say 20-days. Because 30-days, whether it's five days, 10-days, or 20-days, or 30-days, 40-days, I'm not going to change anything. I still only change the time for us to get the data in mid-winter, or what have you at that time. That's what I'm trying to prevent and that's what the people were saying that we have hired to work on this thing.

Mr. Rashid I think 30-days is good.

Ms. McDonald So, it doesn't matter. It shouldn't matter 30-days, either, if we set 30-days it's kind of saying the same thing. I think that as far as the give and take, you know, 30 days, everybody sees 30 days differently. I think the point is in this is to be able to move forward. And you know, we try 30 days and see where it goes. If it doesn't go then bring it back next month for discussion, but to move it forward.

Mr. Mays Mr. Chairman, I move that we go out for bids again on the marquee in 30-days. (I really don't like it).

Mr. Rashid Can we get a second?

Mr. Silvera Second.

Mr. Rashid Motion and seconded. Mr. Turner, would you please call the vote?

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Rashid (yes), Mr. Mays (yes), Ms. Shaheed (yes), Ms. Sharpley (yes), Mr. Silvera (yes), Ms. McDonald (yes),

Yes – 6

Motion passes.

Mr. Mays moved and Mr. Silvera seconds rebidding after 30-days.

Motion to rebid in 30-days is approved.

Mr. Rashid Six yeses, so the motion carries. So now after 30 days rest period, Mr. Cockfield will begin the whole process again of advertising for bids, and we'll accept the bids, and everything should be fine from there. We do have the money allocated. Without any other discussion on this, the motion has passed.

Mr. Mays And you don't have to wait for us to come back to vote.

Mr. Mays Yeah, what we are saying is that 30 days from this day. We will go back through the process again. Hopefully we'll get bids. We'll get the next item on the agenda is audience participation.

Mr. Silvera We still have the issue of the Mayoral Forum. I think Mr. Latimer can give us a briefing on his recommendation based on what happened.

Mr. Latimer This past Thursday, we had the East Cleveland Mayoral Forum scheduled and it had to be cancelled because of a power outage within the library and also within the community at large. I looked at other dates for potential rescheduling. And it looks like the election for the Mayor of East Cleveland is on September 7th. So, there's a small window to do this forum. I wanted to suggest if possible. Saturday, September 4th, maybe at 2pm. If we want to move forward with the forum, if not there's no other options to get this done.

Mr. Mays Can't we do it before then? Because that's too close to the election. Let's do it. sometime this month. We can work it in on Saturday, or Friday.

Mr. Latimer Next week is the 21st. So that's how we're going to work. From the 23rd through the 27th I'm out of town. So, I'm already committed to that. Unless we do it on Saturday to 28th. The next available date is to 30th, 31st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Mr. Mays Let's do to the 28th. I don't my calendar in front of me.

Mr. Latimer August 28th? That's two weeks from today.

Mr. Mays That should work. And that gives us time to get fliers out.

Mr. Latimer What we have to do is resubmit letters to the candidates, and once we get a commitment from them, we need publicity and to get the fliers out. August 28th? Is everyone okay with that date?

Mr. Silvera I'm okay with it.

Mr. Latimer If we do it on the 4th, it will be fresh in some of the voters' minds.

Ms. McDonald The candidates will probably be out campaigning.

Mr. Silvera I don't want to call a technical, but I don't think we're able to discuss anything other than the contents of the special board meeting.

Mr. Rashid They waved the 24-hour rule and added to the agenda.

Ms. Sharpley Yeah, on the 4th of September. I don't know if it's good or bad thing, but that's the Alumni Weekend.

Mr. Latimer Okay, yes, actually September 14th is the election for the primary for the East Cleveland Mayor. So, the voter registration, the deadline is (August) 16th. And early voting is August 17th, to September 13th.

Mr. Rashid May I interject my input into this, I was really looking forward to this date for the forum here, I thought that we will be able to do something beneficial for the community at large. And to use our resources to try to make sure that the voters have an opportunity to get input from all the candidates that were involved. There's a lot of preparation work that we put into attempting to hold our forum last Thursday, it didn't work out. After seeing the response from the candidates and looking at some of the things in the time frame that we're working with right now, in my own opinion, my feedback is that I personally don't care if we do it or not. Because I don't think that based on what I'm seeing and hearing, and if the two major candidates will not major because they're all in the same spot right now to an open office. But if we don't get the input, necessarily that from all the candidates, collectively, I don't really know if the forum is going to be as effective as what we would really like. And that's just my input and for the amount of work that we have to put into this to get it done within that time frame. That's a judgment call that we collectively will vote on or just, come to conclusion. Over from my side of the fence, I don't care if we do it or not. If we do it, I'll participate to the best of my ability and if we don't do it, I won't lose any sleep.

Mr. Mays I differ from that because if the candidates do not participate, it's sending a message to those of us who vote, that if you do not have any respect. There is a forum set up for you to participate to find out

what are you going to bring to the table besides an empty plate to this city (I'm just using that as an example). That tells me that I can't trust you as mayor of whomever, Councilman or otherwise. I want to know what you are bringing to change the city. And I think that's incumbent upon candidates that are running for office. And number two, we are their boss, we're the ones that say yea, or nay. And so therefore, I think, if we agree to have the forum, and I know there has been some work going in, and I've done too many forums, I can speak from experience. And so, if the candidate doesn't show and we've gone through this, or whatever, we know, that person does not have this city's interest at heart. And so, I feel that we should have the forum move forward. And if they don't participate, we know that that person is not for us.

Mr. Latimer

I don't think we're going to get full participation, just based on the current state and politics in this community. I don't think the current mayor will participate at all, and I don't believe that one of the city council members is going to participate.

Mr. Silvera

They may participate in the next one.

Mr. Latimer

We are in East Cleveland, you know, and the East Cleveland Public Library is an important anchor Institute, and if we can't get the commitment that they're all going to participate. That's a big investment and a lot of work on our piece. It's a bit of a missed opportunity. And going into it, we tested the waters. For whatever reason, it didn't happen. However, we still didn't have full participation. But I don't think that will change if we go through an entire process, again,

Ms. Sharpley

Isn't the Mayor having his own forum or debate on the 24th? They got the word out, you know, he was campaigning this Thursday, so he wasn't going to participate. Then, from his assistant came word that he was doing his own forum on the 24th.

Mr. Rashid

Right, he's doing his own political event.

Mr. Latimer

Which is going to be NOAH who is going to coordinate the next forum.

Ms. Sharpley

So is it going to be like, all the candidates are going to go there and debate, or he's just going to stand there and....

Mr. Mays

...No, it's probably just for him and his followers. we're probably ready to stand in problems. And problems. Basically, same thing, since we opened this Phantom warning, same thing with the stimulus checks, cash money that went to the government of China value, that's where

the news and all this will come out, whatever done in the dark, to come to light when it comes to light. So

- Mr. Mays** we didn't cause the cancellation, it was an act of God, because I was out of lights for over three days, they just turned them on yesterday and it was a rough message. ...Some candidates, you just have to let them know what they're doing to themselves, destroy themselves. ...So, all I'm saying is there will be candidates that will not, cannot come or they have other commitments...
- Mr. Rashid** ...Or they're protecting their individual intelligence by not showing up.
- Mr. Latimer** Because libraries are nonpartisan, I try to listen to what Dr. Harris. She reinforces to me to do our best to stay out of politics in East Cleveland.
- Mr. Rashid** You know what? I'm slowly but surely come to that conclusion too, that we stay in our own lane. We do what we can when we can. But if we are a powerful force within ourselves for change in this community, it doesn't matter who sits in City Hall, people recognize us for what we're doing, and we will have an impact on this community.
- Mr. Rashid** It's totally up to the Board, if you want to move forward with another date for another forum, I will participate to the fullest of my ability. My personal feeling is that at this particular time, I don't even know if it's worth it for us with the dates that we're dealing with. So, what do we think? I mean, I don't think we have to put it to a formal vote, but let's just get dialog from everybody.
- Mr. Mays** I feel we should have the debate, to give the people an opportunity to hear the candidates that come and also send a message to them. I can't trust this person if you can't come here, I just feel that we should go out and do it. We had it scheduled, and all we do is reschedule again. That was not our fault...
- Mr. Latimer** ...Sorry, excuse me. We have another event the Board is hosting outdoors. Maybe we can call a Zoom meeting, like maybe next week?
- Mr. Mays** Just a simple yes or no.
- Mr. Silvera** I would say to kind of reach out to the candidates and let them know what the situation is and see if there's at least a verbal commitment to participate from at least four candidates.
- Mr. Latimer** If we polled the candidates that we can get 100%...

- Mr. Latimer** ...100% would be better but you don't want to go with less than four out of five seats.
- Mr. Rashid** That's okay. I'm fine with that.
- Mr. Turner** Can we come up with a prospective date?
- Mr. Latimer** We'll suggest some dates, let's work with the candidates and see their availabilities and we'll present some days by email. And we can just say you know; this is not a formal was the how to use the
- Mr. Mays** It's Saturday, you notify the candidates of these days. And if they are willing, they would make arrangements. So, you never will get to anywhere, if you call this person and ask them are you available at this date at a specific time or whenever...
- Mr. Rashid** Firstly, for those who want to avoid that particular opportunity to display the ability to run the city.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Mays** Mr. Chairman, I move that if there are no further matters coming before this Board, I move this meeting be adjourned.
- Ms. Sharpley** Second.
- Mr. Rashid** Meeting is adjourned.
- Mr. Mays** ...at 1:20pm.

Discussion: None

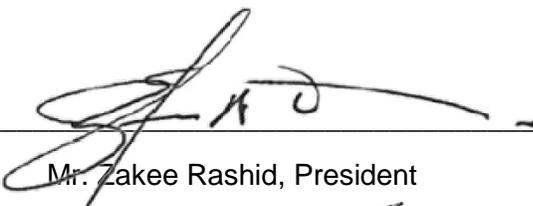
(By general consensus the motion passes.)

Motion passes.

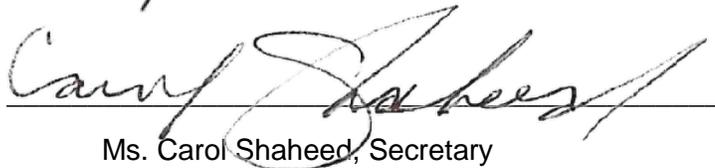
Mr. Mays moved and Ms. Sharpley seconds adjournment.

(Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm)

Meeting is adjourned.



Mr. Zakee Rashid, President



Ms. Carol Shaheed, Secretary