

Borough of Hanover / Library Work Group

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2022

Chairman Reichart convened the meeting at 4 PM

In Attendance:

Chairman Bill Reichart

Councilman Chuck Hegberg

Councilman Tim Kress

Board of Governor Representative Chrissy Rosensteel

HPLA Representative Dan Frey

Borough Manager Nan Dunford - Ex officio member

Library Director Shanna Hollich - Ex officio member,

YCL Director of Library Administration Abbey Lukiewski in place of John Miller - Ex officio member

Library Administrative Assistant - Faith Soto

Guests: James Keller – JR Keller LLC

David Belanger – JR Keller LLC

March Minutes: Approved by Kress; Seconded by Frey. Passed unanimously.

JR Keller LLC Presentation given by James and David.

Introductions given and thanks to the members for selecting them for this project.

One consultant team member Cheri was unable to join for this meeting but will be present for next meeting.

The agenda is to focus on the thoughts of the library. Start planning as the vision and then get down to the reality of the process. To be looking down from a distance of 30,000 feet and from there bring it down to reality.

Reflecting on a summary of the trends and thoughts of what people imagine or are thinking about libraries from the past 10 years will be presented in a slide presentation.

The Hanover community has the potential for a lot more growth and the library can be a large part of this, the library can serve as an incubator.

Slide show presentation given of various libraries that have been renovated to show the possibilities of what could be. Use of lighting, connecting the outdoors for dance, play and experimental learning. Creative use of wheelchair accessible ramps and moving existing entrances to make it easier for patrons. With the goal of making the libraries welcoming.

In addition, there were also slides showcasing libraries using different innovations technologically to make libraries more accessible physically and visually, having things be identifiable and having interactive spaces.

Showing how they achieved hygienic spaces, integrating community art, spaces for groups and individuals.

Concepts detailing how libraries can be a place to learn create and share by having learning media labs, places for business, workforce friendly, communal social spaces, casual social spaces, conversation spaces mentoring and play areas.

Slide show concluded, members are then asked if they had any thing that resonated with them or any questions.

#### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS:

-Concern regarding duplication of HEDC services. The library can form a partnership and would be a good compliment to what HEDC does.

How can we find sustainable financial model that will encourage the communities that use it to support it?

- Further brainstorming and discussion regarding ways to try to encourage other communities to participate in sustaining library.

Meeting wrapped up.

Motion to Adjourn: Hegberg Seconded: Frey

Meeting Adjourned at 5:07 PM

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2022 at 4PM at the Guthrie Memorial Library Bare Center.

Respectfully submitted by,

Faith Soto