

Item 25-0032: Request Approval of Named Spaces

Library Board

Thu, Jan 30, 2025 9:00AM

Jason Brozek (Library Board Member) 04:22

So, I don't see anyone here for public participation, and we don't have a—we don't have any minutes to approve. So, I think we can move right into action items. I'm looking for a motion to approve the only item on our agenda, which is item 25-0032, request approval of named spaces.

Jason Brozek (Library Board Member) 04:47

Thanks. Moved and seconded. Do we have any discussion on the named spaces that Maurine sent out to everyone?

Brian/Bastia Looker (Library Board Member) 04:53

Yeah, this is Bastia. Can you all hear me okay?

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 05:00

Yes.

Brian/Bastia Looker (Library Board Member) 05:01

Great. I should have asked for a conversation when I was filling out my documents. So, in the study rooms, I had assumed I was a little more limited on the characters that I could choose. So, what I would ask is for the Board to approve an amended version of this chosen family space. I would love it to say something like "Honoring chosen families," or "In honor of." We can select one of those and say we would approve that, and then have a whatever form sent back to, in this case, me, tend to fill out so that we don't hold up the process of getting things printed. I'm assuming these haven't been printed yet.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 05:41

They will be sent to the sign company tomorrow morning. So, it's perfect timing. So, chosen in—"In honor of chosen families," may I suggest that?

Brian/Bastia Looker (Library Board Member) 05:55

Yeah.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 05:56

Okay.

Brian/Bastia Looker (Library Board Member) 05:57

That'd be wonderful. It's a it's a great, like, personal story for me. I actually discovered my current family at the Appleton Public Library, which is, which is wonderful. I've got unofficial kids who are mine, and I've got—I live with my best friend and her wife. We share a house together, garden every summer. It's wonderful, and I'm really happy to kind of honor that relationship and everybody's chosen family relationships in this way.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 06:20

All right, great. And Katie, what—what's your—what's your number? Sorry. Six?

Alderpersion Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 06:29

I'll make the motion to amend to include that the space we just discussed would be in honor of chosen families.

Jason Brozek (Library Board Member) 06:38

Do I have a second for that amendment? And any discussion of the amendment? Okay, let's go ahead and vote on that amendment then. All those in favor say, aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries.

Jason Brozek (Library Board Member) 06:57

We'll return to discussion of the original motion, which was to approve 25-0032 the approval of named spaces. I did have a question. Our policy that we approved is specifically for the capital campaign and pre-opening. And I wonder if there are additional spaces that could be named later, and what the right process would be to handle a donation or request to name something six months from now.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 07:35

Sure, you're right. The existing policy is specifically for the capital campaign. So, when the capital campaign closes, should the Friends and the trustees want to pursue other forms of recognition or honor in terms of naming within the building, say, extending the stacks for support initiative, or there are some spaces that were available that were not selected for naming. So, if there was a process determined for, say, major gifts to the endowment or something like that, that that could be developed for sure.

Jason Brozek (Library Board Member) 08:15

Okay, thanks. Other questions or discussion? Well, thank you to staff and to the friends for doing all of this work and all this outreach that the community support that these four pages represent is really profound. It's incredible see.

Jason Brozek (Library Board Member) 08:40

So, I think we're ready to vote. Then all those in favor of approving these named spaces say aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Congratulations.