

Planning and Outreach Committee minutes

October 6, 2025

Present Samia Wahab (Acting Chairperson), Marian Krupicka, Vicki Suriano, Laura Birmingham

Absent: Stacy Palmisano

Wahab called the meeting to order at 5:23.

The committee discussed outreach opportunities for trustees, such as local events like Darien's tree lighting ceremony and larger library programs. Suriano noted that Birmingham does a good job of letting the Trustees know when legislators will be at the library and she should continue to do so. Suriano also suggested that when the Story Walk is installed in Borse Park, there should be a ribbon-cutting with Village officials.

The committee reviewed the Strategic Plan timeline. Regarding Goal 1, Suriano suggested that we investigate a library vending machine as an alternative to a mobile library. Suriano suggested that "Design networking and social programs for adults in their 20s and 30s" be moved up in the timeline and to begin work on it this fiscal year.

Under Goal 2, "Review current hours and alignment to user and resident needs.", Birmingham noted that she would like to do a community survey about the hours. Krupicka commented that we could possibly extend Friday and Sunday hours until 6. Suriano commented that the Saturday hours should not change.

Under Goal 2, "Evaluate district expansion options", the committee discussed ways to educate people who live in unserved areas about non-resident cards. Suriano suggested an ad in the Willow Springs newsletter.

The committee reviewed Goals 3 and 4 and had no changes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25.