



**River Forest Public Library
Facilities Committee Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 9:00 AM**

Call to Order: Trustee Delano called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM.

Present: Committee members Scott Delano, Ann Berens, Elan Long. Lindsay McIntyre arrived at 10:16 AM.

Others Present: RFPL Director Emily Compton, RFPL Assistant Director Shannon Duffy, RFPL Adult & Teen Services Manager Shannon Gruber, RFPL Children's Services Manager Melaina Maraldi, and RFPL Marketing & PR Specialist Fran Arnold.

Visitors: none

Minutes of the January 28, 2026 Facilities Committee meeting

The January 28, 2026 minutes were deemed approved.

Old Business

Nothing to address.

New Business

Enberg-Anderson Architects Workshop 2 Presentation – discussion

The Committee and Library staff discussed the options presented by Engberg-Anderson (EA) at the January 28th, 2026 workshop. The ideas were categorized into three groups:

Go Lightly included plans to renovate the Barbara Hall Meeting Room, create private study rooms on the second floor, and relocate the Director's office to create a small public use area near the lobby.

Increase Public Use of the First Floor included ways to take the Go Lightly ideas a step further with all administrative staff relocating to the second floor, more public use space on the first floor, and more private study rooms on the second floor.

Expand West presented an option to extend the building west, allowing for more space per person and function.

The Committee and Library staff considered every option and compiled feedback on which ideas EA should pursue further, and which ideas did not resonate with group.

HVAC upgrades – update

Director Compton talked to EA and two engineering companies regarding the upcoming HVAC upgrade project. Both companies agreed that the project would cost significantly more than the report from Terracon stated. Director Compton will get the basis of design from Terracon to confirm the work that needs to be done.

5-year Capital budget projections – discussion

Director Compton presented capital projects to be completed over the next five years and how much they are projected to cost. Discussion included sidewalk repair and flooring replacement.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee Berens to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 AM. It was seconded by Trustee McIntyre .