

**COMMUNITY MEETING  
BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS  
AURORA (ILLINOIS) PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**August 8, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees Stewart Beach, Norma Gobert, Richard Hawks, Maria Lozano, Archie Needam, and John Savage

Absent: Jeffrey Butler, Walt Meinert, Andrew Smith

Also present were Executive Director Daisy Porter-Reynolds, Deputy Director Michaela Haberkern, Director of Neighborhood Services Heather Sturm, Administration Manager Kathleen Fennell, Director of Operations Linda Whitmill, Communications Manager Amy Roth, and Foundation Manager Laura Stoney. Approximately 90 community members were in attendance.

Norma Gobert moved, seconded by Stewart Beach to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Board members introduced themselves.

**DISCUSSION OF SERVICE REDUCTIONS:**

John Savage addressed the board and the community members on the details of service reductions. Topics included a snapshot of Aurora Public Library cardholders by location, visits by location, and circulation by location. Budget information for 2012-2016 was presented as well as projections for 2017. New hours for each facility were presented. Mr. Savage explained personnel reductions as well.

Community members asked a variety of questions on topics including how the hours reductions were determined, what other options the library considered, whether the building of the Santori Library was the cause of the budget deficit, and the possibility of a tax increase to alleviate the budget problems. Several questions touched on the Express Center closure slated for December 2016.

Mr. Savage thanked everyone for their input.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Stewart Beach moved, seconded by Norma Gobert, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Secretary, Board of Directors