

## Facilities Committee

October 19, 2022 | 2:00pm

### Agenda

#### 1. Roll Call

- ✓ Lynne Ridgeway, Chair (U)
- ✓ Rajene Hardeman (D)
- ✓ Carla Taylor (P)
- ✓ Janet Schnitzer (C)
- Mary Linda Todd (G)
- Richard Swierat (D) (ex officio)
- ✓ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Staff Liaison)
- ✓ Chris Herron (Staff Liaison)

#### 2. Facility Updates

- a. The Third Floor Recording Room has been completed and staff can begin using it next week. This room affords staff a quiet space that has lighting and acoustical design to be well suited to participating in online meetings and producing webinars
- b. Auditorium Cedar Shake Restoration was completed this month.

#### 3. Sustainable Library Certification Program Actions

- a. Installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations have been installed.
- b. The staff consulted with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Dutchess County on the options to install a Pollinator Garden in the parking lot on the island where the flagpole and EV charging stations are located. The staff have submitted an Ecological Restoration grant to underwrite this project as per the specifications provided by the Master Gardeners from the CCE. This grant program is funded by Climate Partners HV, the same funders who underwrite The Library of Local Program. Grant notification are expected in January.

#### 4. ADA Facilities Checklist Progress:

Staff reported that they have completed the first section of the checklist which addresses the parking area and facility entrances. As a result, new signage and a reconfiguration of accessible parking spaces are being addressed. Staff will complete the other two section of the checklist in 2023.

#### 5. 2023 Facilities Plan Proposal (attached):

Janet Schnitzer moved, and Rajene Hardeman seconded a motion to recommend the draft 2023 Facilities Plan to the board for their consideration at the next board meeting. This plan prioritizes a new roof and rooftop solar in the 2024-2025 funding cycle.

#### 6. Tour of Facilities:

MHLS Facilities Operations Manager Chris Herron provided a tour of the MHLS Auditorium, office building and grounds and highlighted efforts over the past year to comply with the 2022 Facilities plan including a new beverage station in the Auditorium, the EV Charging Stations, new fencing in the parking lot, and the new recording room on the third floor of the office building.

- 7. CREST Funding:** Executive Director Aldrich proposed seeking funds through the **C**ommunity **R**esiliency, **E**conomic **S**ustainability, and **T**echnology Program (CREST) now available through the Dormitory Authority of New York State. The Committee endorsed this action. Rebekkah will report back after her initial investigation after the election as a state legislator would need to sponsor funding for MHLS.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.