

Southgate Veterans Memorial Library Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Beth Altizer

In attendance: Don Priest. **Commission Members:** Beth Altizer, Hailey Zayac, Mary Lamos, Cathy Nowicki, Miranda Wieman, and Suzanne Straub

City Council Liaison: Karen George **Mayor:** Joseph Kuspa **City Administrator:** Dan Marsh

Excused: and Kim Guentner

Additions to the Agenda: none

Approval of minutes: Haley Zayac motions to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Miranda Wieman seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Director's Report given by Don Priest: A copy of the report was given to all members at the meeting and emailed to those members who were absent.

Financial Report: No report

New Business: Artwork Proposal - Mayor Joseph presented an artwork proposal to bring art to the library for the country's 250th anniversary. RL artistry proposed a sculpture with a bald eagle on a sphere. The materials would consist of brushed and polished stainless steel and copper with a clear SDP Powder coating. The proposed estimated cost is set at \$36, 978.62. There would be an additional cost of \$18,500 for the pedestal. The timeline is as follows. The art would be commissioned on 7/1/26 and would be dedication on 7/27/26. The Location would be between the City Hall and the Library.

Mary Lamos motioned to support the funding of the sculpture, not to exceed the cost of \$56,000. Suanne Straub seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Cancellation of Southgate Pride Event- On June 4th there was a conference with the city attorney a decision was made that the library cannot support social or political events. On June 13, the Pride Event was held and TLN covered the fee. Approximately 250 people were in attendance

Old Business- Furniture Update: The updates include 40 new chairs, meeting room tables, counters and booths. Furniture for the staff workroom includes desks and storage. Completion date is set to be the end of July.

Member's comments "for the good of the order" – None

Public Comments or questions – None

Adjournment: Suzanne motions to adjourn at 4:20. Cathy Nowicki seconds. All were in favor. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted on April 14, 2026, by Mary Lamos