

Board of Trustees
Meeting
May 16, 2017

Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Vice-president Kevin Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. A quorum wasn't established.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kenyetta Jackson (Late), Anne Russell, Earnestine Smith, Kevin Weaver.

Absent: Veronica Alvero, Eloy Delgado, Ted Freedman, Pearl Serratelli, and Christian Veliz.

There was a presentation from Groundwork Elizabeth regarding their proposal for use of the rear yard at Elmora Branch.

Ms. Chmiel introduced Jackie Park Albaum and Jonathan Phillips from Groundwork Elizabeth. GWE is responsible for the Community Garden recently installed on the Library-owned property facing Bellevue Street and for the Library Garden behind Elmora. Facing the sudden loss of their farm at Kean University, Groundwork Elizabeth hopes to regroup using the lower ground behind the Elmora parking lot. Produce including strawberries, cabbage, garlic, tomatoes, herbs etc would be grown in raised beds and sold inexpensively via their food trailer. They sell at Senior Centers and at Elizabeth Housing Authority sites. Produce would be made available to Elmora staff and patrons. Jonathan and Jackie answered questions related to their proposal and the maintenance of the garden.

The meeting adjourned at 7: 25pm

Submitted by Ana V. Monje-Medina