A formal agenda was followed for this meeting. Susan Newman welcomed attendees at 6:00 PM and reviewed the agenda. Guests were asked to sign up for questions or comments to be made after the presentations. Newman introduced other members of the Board who were present at the Forum – Susan Stone, Dona Gerson, Diane Allen-Jacobi, and Karen Terry.

Three presentations were given that were reflected in PowerPoint slides. Susan Stone presented an overview of EPL funding history. Michael Tannen, attorney and member of the Task Force on Sustainable Funding, provided a summary of the extensive research and background that led to the decision by the Board to move to the Library Fund. Following that presentation, Diane Allen-Jacobi provided an overview of the Library Fund and an explanation of how it would affect citizens.

Questions were then asked and comments made by the following: Michael Vasilko, Kevin O’Connor, Stuart Baker, Terry Widder, Evanston City Council member Jane Grover, and Lori Keenan.

Newman then requested that citizens of Evanston wishing to become more involved with the library to volunteer to serve on the Library Board (whose members are then appointed by the Mayor of Evanston and approved by the City Council). Also, guests were encouraged to attend open meetings of the Board, held monthly on Wednesday evening, to voice their ideas and concerns.

The forum ended at 7:45 PM.