



PR-IX-17

Expressive Activity

A. Preamble: Statement of Philosophy, Scope, and Purpose

1. In part, the "mission of the Glenside Public Library District is to share... a world of imagination and information with patrons of all ages and cultures."
2. Pursuant to this mission, the Glenside Public Library District ("Library") has a significant public interest in promulgating First Amendment principles, as well as protecting patrons' access to the Library.
3. Further, the Library strives to treat all Library users in a fair, consistent, and equitable manner.
4. The Library has chosen to operate consistently in compliance with its Statement of Mission and First Amendment doctrines.
5. Therefore, this Policy designates a portion of the Library campus as a "limited public forum" for expressive activity and regulates such activity.

B. Definitions: As used in this Policy:—

1. The term "Library" means the The Glenside Public Library District.
2. The term "campus" means the Library's premises; that is, the building (indoor spaces) and grounds (outdoor spaces, including parking lots) occupied by the Library, which the Library considers a non-public forum.
3. The term "expressive activity" means circulating petitions, distributing leaflets, conducting surveys, engaging in demonstrations, and other activities that are considered as protected speech and in the public interest pursuant to First Amendment principles, with the exception of commercial speech—the primary purpose of which is to sell a product or service, or related thereto—and fundraising activities, which are not allowed on the Library's campus.
4. The term "limited public forum" means a non-public forum that has been designated by government fiat—in this instance by the Board of Library Trustees, the Library's governing body—as open to expressive activity consistent with the Library's Statement of Mission and regulated pursuant to First Amendment principles.

C. Policy on Expressive Activity

1. **Building:** Expressive activity is prohibited in the Library's building.
2. **Grounds:** Expressive activity is allowed on the Library's grounds, as follows:—

- a. **Time:** Expressive activity is allowed only during the Library's hours of operation.
- b. **Place:**—
 - (1) Expressive activity is allowed on the private north-south sidewalk that lies on the west side of the library, except as follows:—
 - (a) That area that runs west from the main entrance to the curb of the handicapped parking spaces and extends (≈24 feet, North-South) from the north side of the colonnade to the south side of the colonnade.
 - (b) That area that runs east from the eastern end of the East Courtyard wall to the end of the private sidewalk.
 - (2) In order to ensure public safety, prevent disturbances, and promote the free flow of traffic—that is, maintain clear, safe, unfettered ingress to and egress from the building—expressive activity is prohibited in the following areas (as illustrated in Exhibit A):—
 - (a) That area that runs west from the main entrance to the curb of the handicapped parking spaces and extends (≈24 feet, North-South) from the north side of the colonnade to the south side of the colonnade.
 - (b) That area that runs east from the eastern end of the East Courtyard wall to the end of the private sidewalk.
 - (3) This clearly defined area will ensure that people who wish to engage in expressive activity will have access to all visitors entering or exiting the building while, at the same time, ensuring that visitors will have clear, safe, unfettered access to and from the main entrance.
- c. **Manner:**—
 - (1) No application or registration is required to engage in expressive activity; however, for review of compliance with this Policy, statistical purposes, and reasons of public safety:—
 - (a) People who plan to engage in expressive activity are encouraged to inform the Library Director or the person-in-charge of their intent.
 - (b) The Library Director or the person-in-charge is authorized to collect information on expressive activity.
 - (2) For reasons of public safety, the Library reserves the right to limit the number of people allowed to engage in expressive activity at any one time.
 - (3) Activities that are not considered expressive activity, and thus not allowed, include any activity prohibited by "**PR-III-17 Use of Library Facilities**", as well as any activity that is not considered as protected speech and in the public interest pursuant to First Amendment principles, including

but not limited to commercial speech—the primary purpose of which is to sell a product or service, or related thereto—and fundraising activities.



D. Administrative Rules and Regulations

1. **Administrative Rules and Regulations:** Employees designated by the Library Director are authorized to prepare (and edit or otherwise modify from time to time as may be needed) standard operating procedures that are not inconsistent with this Policy.
2. **Conflict or Inconsistency:** In the event that there is any conflict or inconsistency between the terms and provisions of the administrative rules and regulations / standard operating procedures (if any) and this Policy, the terms and provision of the latter shall prevail.

SUPERSEDES: PR-II-15, Solicitation on Library Property.

President

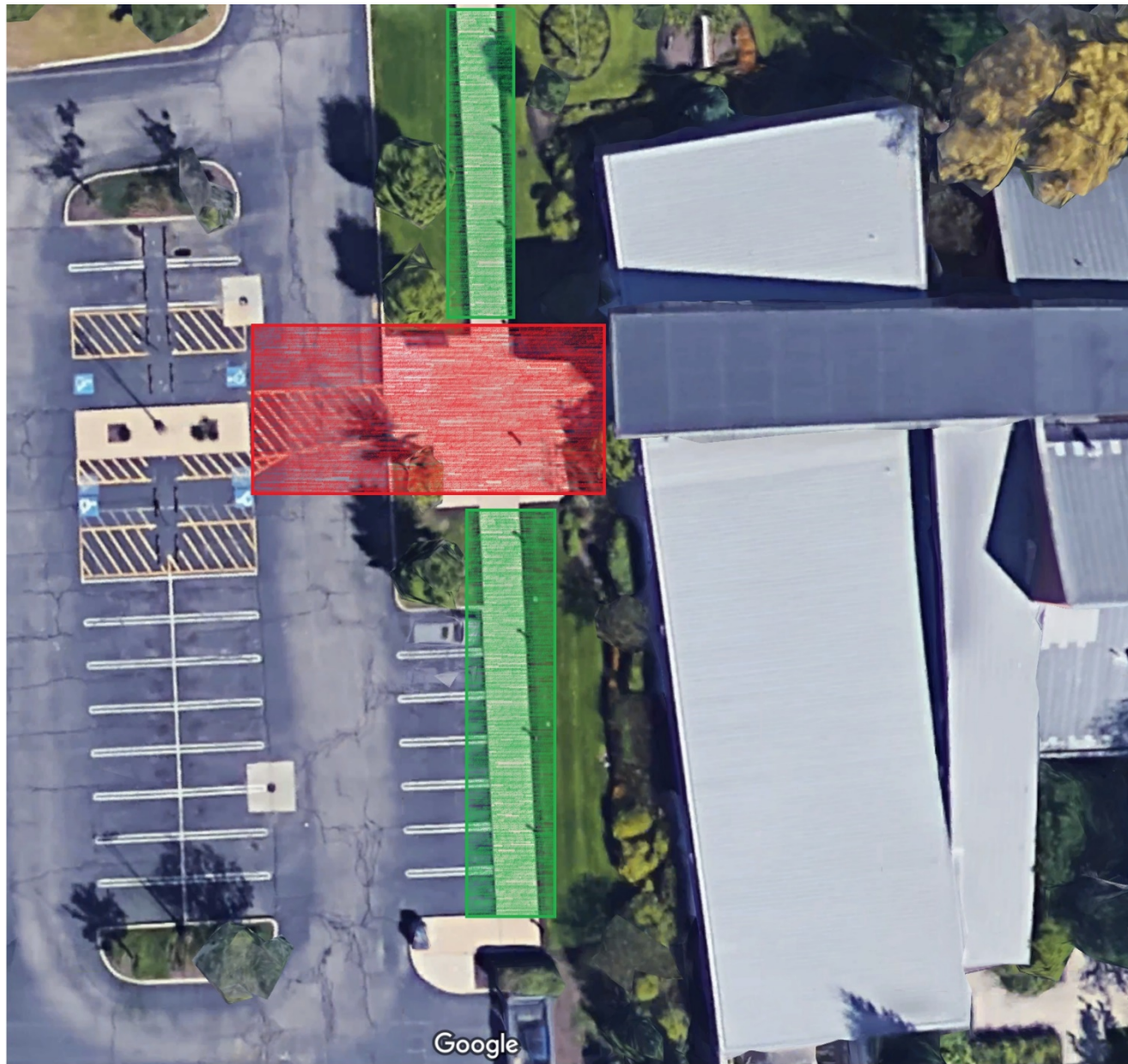
ADOPTED:
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Exhibit A

Library Site Plan: (Main Entrance, Private Sidewalk, Parking Lot)



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activity
allowed

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activity not
allowed