



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Springfield City Library Board of Commissioners

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: September 4, 2019

Attending: Stephen Cary, Krysta Fynrilakis, Matthew Reilly, David Maynard

Absent: Tim Moriarty, and Meghan Lunghi, Clodo Concepcion

Staff: Molly Fogarty, Library Director
Jean Canosa Albano, Assistant Director for Public Services
Carol Leaders, Business Manager
Jamillah Vernon, Community Relations Coordinator

Presentations: N/A

Call to order: Commissioner Cary called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from June 5 Commission Meeting There was no approval of the minutes due to lack of quorum. Approval moved to October 9th

2. FY 20-FY22 Strategic Plan Approval Ms. Albano stated that the Commissioners received the revised draft of Mission, Vision & Values/ Strategic Priorities via email to review and discuss at this meeting for final approval.

Commissioner Reilly expressed concerned about what “resources” are being talked about which Ms. Albano explained. Commissioner Maynard stated that he had no complaints. Commissioner Cary discussed potential alternative language choices.

Commissioner Cary entertained a motion for change or approval.

Commissioner Reilly asked a question about diversity and barriers in the mission and welcoming value and what those specifically are. Ms. Fogarty insured that they may seem broad now but will be explained more thoroughly in the Action Plan.



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Commissioner Reilly suggested that strategic priority 1, Objective 1 “Curated Collection...” seemed to need its own /different category and suggested moving to Strategic Priority 4 “Fostering Success...”

Commissioner Reilly made a motion to move Strategic Priority 1, Objective 1 to Strategic Priority 4, Objective 1. Commissioner Fyntrilakis seconded. All approved. Change passed.

Commissioner Maynard suggested that we include diversity in collections in Strategic Priority 1. After some discussion, Commissioner Fyntrilakis motioned to add a new objective 1 to Strategic Priority 1 to replace the original one to reflect diversity in collections. Commissioner Reilly seconded. All approved. Change passed.

Commissioner Cary motioned to pass the Strategic Plan document with changes.

**3. Commission
Committee Reports**

Commissioner Cary presented a recommendation to ask people “What are your favorite books/ books you’ve recommended?” This follows asking Mayor Sarno about his favorite book at the recent tour. “Local celebrities” would be the target group asked.

Commissioner Reilly suggested highlighting books that exemplify our libraries mission, vision & values.

Commissioner Fyntrilakis reported that East Forest Park branch needed a judge for the Farmer’s Market Challenge and she sat in and enjoyed the program. Great turn out.

4. Chairman’s Report

Second official tour of the East Forest Park library on September 4th. This one with the Mayor and City’s leadership team. Well attended by the press. Focus Springfield will have videos to share.

The October 2nd monthly Library Commission meeting has been rescheduled and will be held on October 9th.

David Meeks, Supervisor of the Mason Square Branch did a great job at the Youth Political ACTION League Event held at Mason Square Branch.

The Assistant Principal for the Mary Dryden Memorial School has requested an early peek of the new East Forest Park Branch Library for students and staff.



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5. Director's Report

Ms. Fogarty attended the June 26th City Council final FY20 Budget Hearing and our budget request of \$5,045,000 was approved. This is a 6% increase from the previous \$4.7 million last year.

FY20 budget includes three new positions for East Forest Park. Funding for the Read/Write/Now programs was also included in the FY20 Budget from non-general City grant funds This resulted in a 10% increase in City Funding. Carol Leaders is currently working on the Mass Board of Library Commissioners State Aid application. ~~Aide~~. The Central Library State street project is almost done. Construction workers are checking off the last few items on the punch list. The next things to put up are the new bike racks. There will be an upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony. The East Forest Park Library is on target, with furniture set to arrive the end of October. The current branch will be closing for the move and set up.

Grace LaRochelle was hired as manager for East Forest Park and Forest Park.

David Meeks, current Supervisor of Mason Square has been promoted to Manager of Brightwood and Indian Orchard.

Ms. Fogarty handed out statistics of visitors and usage to be discussed for the Commissioners to review and discuss at the next meeting.

6. Executive Session

Not needed.

7. Adjournment

7:05 PM

, *Secretary*