



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

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: December 4, 2019

Attending: Krysta Fyntrilakis, Clodo Concepcion, Meghan Lunghi, Matthew Reilly, Tim Moriarty, David Maynard

Absent: Stephen Cary

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

Presentations: Patricia D’Amario, Manager of Borrower’s Services – Library Overdue Fines

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2019 Commission Meeting November- Commissioner Moriarty made the motion to approve the November 6, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion. Motion passed. Minutes approved.

2. Patricia D’Amario, Borrower’s Services Manager – Library Overdue Fines Ms. D’Amario presented a CWMARS report on overdue fines which includes Seniors, Adults and Young Adults as requested by the Library Commission. There are no overdue fines for Children. After a lengthy discussion regarding overdue fines and how they serve as a barrier that limits access to library materials and services especially for low-income Springfield residents, it was suggested to clear overdue fines for Young Adults and Seniors. A Motion to eliminate fines for Young Adults and Seniors was made by Commissioner Moriarty. Commissioner Concepcion seconded the motion. Motion passed. Discussion on overdue fines continued with regards to include Adults as well. Discussion focused on the current trend for public libraries to eliminate overdue fines and to the Library’s new Strategic Priorities which focus on eliminating barriers and equity. A Motion to eliminate fines for Young Adults, Adults and Seniors (active and non-active) was made by Commissioner Moriarty. Commissioner Reilly seconded the Motion. Motion Passed. This motion only applies to overdue fines. Patrons of all ages are still responsible for fees associated with library materials that are not returned or



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damaged.

**3. Commission
Committee Reports**

Commissioner Lunghi announced that Merriam Webster and sister company Encyclopedia Britannica will be making a \$10,000 contribution to the East Forest Park Branch Library Capital Campaign. They are also donating two new children's products-PUKU which is a vocabulary building App and the Lumie Labs video platform for storytelling that children can use to create their own videos. The Lumie Labs stand-alone station will be added to the makerspace. A special event will be planned with regards to this donation.

4. Chairman's Report

- No Chairman's Report

5. Director's Report

Director Fogarty announced that the Grand Opening of the East Forest Park Branch Library is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 10:00 am. The Staff are planning numerous programming events that will take place during the opening and the remainder of the week.

Capital Campaign Update – mock up signage will be prominent throughout the building at the Grand Opening. A total of \$1.3 million has been raised. A major donor reception will take place in the Spring.

Assistant Director Canosa-Albano reported that the Reading Success by 4th Grade Summit was a great success with over 100 people attending. Director Fogarty commended Chrissy Howard on a job well done.

Director Fogarty also noted the Springfield Library Foundation has a new slate of officers. Patrick Markey will remain as President with Commissioner Cary being elected as the Vice President. Mary Costello is the new Treasurer. Other new members to the Board include Commissioner Maynard, Dora Robinson, Cheryl Rivera, and Jim Puhula.

Matthew Blumenfeld has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Foundation.

6. Executive Session

Not needed

7. Other Business

Not needed



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8. Adjournment 6:56 PM

, *Secretary*