



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

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: January 8, 2020

Attending: Stephen Cary, Meghan Lunghi, Matthew Reilly, Tim Moriarty, David Maynard

Absent: Krysta Fyntrilakis, Clodo Concepcion

Staff: Molly Fogarty, Library Director
Jean Canosa Albano, Assistant Director for Public Services
Carol Leaders, Business Manager

Presentations: Chrissy Howard, Manager of Reading Success by 4th Grade

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2019 Commission Meeting December- Commissioner Moriarty made the motion to approve the December 4, 2019 minutes as corrected. Commissioner Lunghi seconded the motion. Motion passed. Minutes approved.

2. Chrissy Howard – RS4G Presentation Ms. Howard provided a detailed presentation on the Reading Success by 4th Grade program which is funded by the Davis Foundation. A Community Wide initiative that focuses on Early Literacy by bringing people together to learn, share and advocate. Make decisions on accurate data. Increase awareness and advocate for Early Literacy. Build professional capacity of those who impact children’s lives every day through families, caregivers and educators.

3. Commission Committee Reports No reports

4. Chairman’s Report Commissioner Cary reported that he has been working with the staff at East Forest Park Branch on the video and recording equipment in the MakerSpace Lab. He will continue to train the staff on the new equipment as well. Commissioner Cary would like to do some podcasts that would focus on oral



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5. Director's Report

Director Fogarty announced that the Springfield City Library will be hosting the Legislative Breakfast for Senator Lesser and Senator Welch districts at the East Forest Park Branch on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 9 am. Massachusetts Library Association Legislative Day in Boston is scheduled for April 2, 2020.

The East Forest Park Grand Opening was a huge success with over 200 people in attendance. Everyone was impressed by all the enthusiasm expressed by the City of Springfield.

Assistant Director Canosa-Albano stated that the East Forest Park Branch will host the Mass Board of Library Commissioners annual PJ drive, which will benefit Foster Kids in Massachusetts, on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 1 pm. 'Blades' from the Boston Bruins along with Mrs. Baker (Gov. Baker's wife) will be attending.

Commissioner Moriarty recommended a suitcase drive for Foster Kids as well.

Director Fogarty and staff met with City Facilities to plan the emptying of the Island Pond Rd. location. The space needs to be vacated by January 31st, 2020

The Forest Park Branch had some drainage work done to eliminate any further water backups in the basement. Our maintenance staff has cleaned the space and the Community Room is now ready to be used as a meeting and program space again.

Fresh Paint Springfield has made a proposal to paint 20 murals in the City of Springfield, ten in downtown and 10 in the Mason Square area including one at the Mason Square Branch Library. The Fresh Paint festival will be held in June, 2020.

Assistant Director Canosa-Albano announced that the Springfield City Library submitted a \$100,000 Census Grant which will help raise awareness through training and equipment. April 1, 2020 is Census Day. Parties will be held at each branch location to assist with this initiative.

The Library is also submitting an LSTA grant which will focus on Family Engagement.

A National Science Foundation Grant was submitted as well.

Director Fogarty reported that she is working with TSM Design to develop an official document that will outline the Library's new Strategic Plan. In addition TSM Design will prepare handouts and some Website updates. TSM is also working on designs for signage for the new East Forest Park branch as well.

The East Forest Park Civic Association will be meeting at the new branch on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm. They will be hosting a reception to honor the staff.



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Assistant Director Canosa-Albano hosted a Constituent Night for Sen. Welch on Monday, January 6, 2020 at the Central Library followed by a tour.

6. Executive Session Not needed

7. Other Business Not needed

8. Adjournment **7:35 PM**

, *Secretary*