



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

**Place:** Central Library Community Room

**Date:** April 2, 2014

**Attending:** Commissioners Krysta Fyntrilakis, Meghan Lunghi, Timothy Moriarty, Vera O'Connor, Matthew Reilly, Lorna Simmons

**Absent:** Chairman Stephen Cary

**Staff:** Molly Fogarty, Library Director  
John Ramsay, Assistant Library Director  
Carol Leaders, Business Manager  
Janet Stupak, Community Relations Coordinator (*minute taker*)

**Call to order:** Ms. O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
<b>1. Approval of Minutes from the March 5, 2014 Library Commission Meeting</b>	Commissioner Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2014 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed.</u>	(follow up)
<b>2. Commission Committee Reports:</b>	Commissioner Fyntrilakis reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She had recently met with Jean Canosa-Albano regarding an end of Summer Reading Club party in Springfield (like one held at the zoo in Tacoma WA). As it is too late to pull off this year, it will be considered for next year. Ms. Fyntrilakis and Ms. Canosa-Albano plan to meet again in June, to form a committee and tour the Forest Park Zoo.</li> <li>• She attended and enjoyed the Irish Step dancers performance at the East Springfield Branch.</li> <li>• She attended the opening of the Library Express at Pine Point and felt it was very successful.</li> <li>• She had visited with Neighborhood Councils.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Chairman's Report:</b>	None. Mr. Cary was not able to attend tonight's meeting.	



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#### 4. Director's Report:

Ms. Fogarty reported:

- Our FY15 budget process is ongoing. Mayor Sarno will present his budget at the end of May.
- Milagros Martinez, of the Puerto Rican Cultural Center, is teaching a Spanish class (3 hours each Wednesday for 15 weeks) to a dozen library employees in order to help us communicate with our customers.
- The March 10 opening of the Library Express at Pine Point was successful and well attended.
- The recent Author Fair at the Central Library was also successful and well attended. Librarian Matthew Jaquith and one of the authors were interviewed on "Connecting Point."
- Hoopla was launched. Hoopla offers free downloadable music and television programs to Springfield library cardholders. Details are available on our website.
- The Library is collaborating with the Springfield Museums on the Steampunk Springfield show now on display. We are planning programs with that theme.
- The Saturday family film series at the Mason Square Branch have been successful.
- A Springfield College intern, Dylan Tully, has been working with teens at some of our branches and helping design an online teen newsletter for the Library.
- The Friends of the Library are in the midst of their yearly fundraiser. They are also planning events for the opening of the Forest Park Reading Garden. Friday evening, June 13, there will be a "sneak peek" event for adults (a ticketed fundraiser). Saturday, June 14, will be the public event with ribbon cutting and fun kids programs.
- The Library will have an information table at the May 10 Pancake Breakfast. Greeting those attending, doing Library card signups and storytimes are planned.



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- 5. Other Business:** Commissioner Moriarty asked about the status of the East Forest Park Planning/Design Grant. Ms. Fogarty said that the results would be known on June 5.
- Caribbean Day will be held on Saturday, May 31 at the Sixteen Acres Branch Library. Ms. O'Connor has been instrumental in the planning and procurement of appropriate food items. In addition to delicious food, there will be flags/decorations, information and fun for all ages.
- Mr. Moriarty reported that he had recently worked with Ms. Canosa-Albano providing an interpreter for a library program. He said there would be a Diversity Conference at Baystate in September.
- Mr. Moriarty appreciated the opportunity to go on the bus trip to Boston for Library Legislative Day, and encouraged other Commission members to go next year.
- There was a discussion about Library Commission terms of appointment.

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- 6. Election of Officers:** Mr. Moriarty moved to postpone the election until next month due to Mr. Cary's absence. Mr. Reilly seconded the motion. All were in favor except Ms. O'Connor. **The motion passed.**
- Ms. Stupak will email Commissioners asking for interest in officer positions.

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- 7. Executive Session:** None.

NOTE: Due to conflicts with the Massachusetts Library Association Conference, the next Library Commission meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 12.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Vera O'Connor, *Secretary*