

Meeting Minutes

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: April 3, 2013

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

Absent: Chairman Stephen Cary
Lorna Simmons

Staff: Molly Fogarty, Library Director
John Ramsay, Assistant Library Director
Carol Leaders, Business Manager, (*minute taker*)

Call to order: Ms. O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
1. Approval of Minutes from the March 6, 2013 Library Commission Meeting	Commissioner Moriarty made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Fyntrilakis seconded the motion. The motion passed.	
2. Library Advisory Committee Reports:	There were no Library Advisory Committee reports.	
3. Commission Committee Reports:	Assistant Library Director John Ramsay and Commissioner Moriarty discussed the 'Computer Use & Public Internet Access Policy' and the need to simplify access. Commissioner Moriarty would like the full policy pared down and user friendly. He recommended adding the word 'WELCOME' as well. Commissioner O'Connor enjoyed the trip to Legislative Day in Boston, but was disappointed legislators did not attend the luncheon. Presentation to Councilor Tim Allen was well attended.	

Commissioner Fyntrilakis asked if the sale of books had begun within the library system. Library Director Fogarty indicated that it takes time to implement, but we should be able to begin later in the year.

4. Chairman's Report: None.

5. Director's Report: Library Director Fogarty updated the Library Commission on the following:

On March 26, 2013, Councilor Tim Allen received an award from the Massachusetts Library Association for his advocacy role in keeping branch libraries opened.

Preparations for the April 20th Gala continue.

Councilor James Ferrera is writing a Proclamation to present at the Gala.

National Library Week begins on Sunday, April 14 with a Local Author Fair in the Central Library and followed by many programs and open houses throughout the Library System.

Consultant Stephen Spohn gave a brief power point presentation on the 'Re-Think Springfield City Library Study'. Mr. Spohn stressed that it is critical for the Library to make visible progress.

6. Other Business:

Commissioner Moriarty asked about the progress of the Teen Media Project. Assistant Director Ramsay reported that the Teens will be producing disks to present at a later date. The next Mini Camp will take place during April school vacation at the Mason Square Branch Library.

Commissioner Fyntrilakis inquired about the status on the handicap ramp and parking situation at the Central Library. Pat Sullivan from the City Facilities is working on it.

Library Director Fogarty noted that parking

for the Gala will be located in the Edwards Street Lot and St. Michael's Cathedral parking lot.

Commemorative notecards, postcards and bookmarks celebrating the Gala will be available for sale at the April 20th event as well as in the Museums Gift Shop.

Commissioner Fyntrilakis would like to invite Develop Springfield to the June Commission Meeting.

Library Director Fogarty announced that a new children's librarian started at the Central Library on April 1st . All vacant positions have been filled.

Commissioner O'Connor asked if the Library would be participating in the annual pancake breakfast. Library Director Fogarty reported that the Library has reserved a table where residents can sign up for library cards. We are also looking into book giveaways and maybe a raffle item.

An orientation for new and existing Commissioners will take place at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, April 10 th in the 4 th floor conference room at the Central Library.

Adjournment : The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Vera O'Connor, *Secretary*

Approved: May 1, 2013