



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

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: January 7, 2015

Attending: Chairman Vera O'Connor, and Commissioners Stephen Cary, Meghan Lunghi, Timothy Moriarty, Matthew Reilly and Lorna Simmons

Absent: Commissioner Krysta Fyntrilakis

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

Call to order: Ms. O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
1. Approval of Minutes from the December 3, 2014 Library Commission Meeting	Commissioner Lunghi made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Moriarty seconded the motion. <u>The motion passed.</u>	<i>(Follow up)</i>
2. State Street Traffic Issues- Chris Cignoli, Director of Springfield DPW	Mr. Cignoli expressed his sadness and that of Mayor Sarno as a result of the recent fatality on State Street in front of the Central Library. He stated <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The streetlights are NOT owned by the City of Springfield, so that if/when a light is out citizens should call WMECO with the pole number, thereby getting that light in the WMECO repair queue. 2. The redesign of the State Street corridor is currently being analyzed for potential refinements in order to make it safer for pedestrians to cross. Ideas discussed with the Commissioners included lowering the speed limit, different kinds of crosswalks - including the "HAWK" system, lowering the speed limit, and changing the traffic signal timing on State Street thereby slowing traffic down. 3. Mr. Moriarty asked about the proposed parking lot between the Central Library and St. Michael's Cathedral. Ms. Fogarty volunteered to resend Mr. Cignoli the parking lot plan so he could follow up. 	



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4. When a “fix” is ready it will be presented to the City Council. Mr. Cignoli said he potentially would attend the March Library Commission meeting to update Board members.
5. Ms. Lunghi said that she did try to walk to the State and Chestnut Street traffic light to cross, but the sidewalk had not been cleared of snow and ice in front of the old School Department Building making the sidewalk treacherous and basically impassible.
6. Public meetings will be announced as the City of Springfield plans its application for HUD funding as a result of having experienced the highest number of federally declared disasters since 2011.

3. Commission Committee Reports:

Mr. Cary said that people have been asking him about the anticipated new East Forest Park Branch Library.

4. Chairman’s Report:

Ms. O’Connor said she spoke to Reggie Wilson and Rolande Duprey about the upcoming Rewards of Freedom Photography Exhibit at the Forest Park Branch Library, and hopes Commissioners will be able to attend.

5. Director’s Report:

Library Director Fogarty reported on

- The East Forest Park Branch design challenge exercise at Pawtucket RI. Selecting and hiring an architect will hopefully happen by the end of March 2015.
- She had a good meeting with new State Senator Eric Lesser. The Central Library will host a Legislative Breakfast in March.
- A meeting is planned to discuss a major event focusing on Summer Reading Club. Hopefully Mayor Domenic Sarno and Daniel J. Warwick, Supt. of Springfield Schools, will be honorary co-chairs of Summer Reading Club 2015.
- Mr. Ramsay distributed circulation statistics for the first half of the fiscal year, showing nice increases.



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6. Other Business: Ms. O'Connor said that Election of Officers will take place in February.

Mr. Cary sends "kudos" to the Mason Square Branch Library staff, especially Leo Valentin in his handling of a difficult patron.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Meghan Lunghi, *Secretary*