



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

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: June 11, 2014

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

Absent:

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 5:35 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
1. Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2014 Library Commission Meeting	Commissioner Fyntrilakis made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Moriarty seconded the motion. The motion passed.	(follow up)
2. Commission Committee Reports:	Ms. Fyntrilakis talked about the recent Caribbean Festival at the Sixteen Acres Branch, saying that it was an "excellent event and very well attended." She complimented Commission Chair O'Connor on her involvement and help in making it so successful.	
3. Chairman's Report:	Ms. O'Connor began by thanking the other Commissioners for electing her, and also Commissioner Steve Cary for his years of service. She congratulated the other new officers, Mr. Moriarty and Ms. Lunghi. Ms. O'Connor said she was extremely pleased with Caribbean Day at the Library, thanked the Friends of the Library for paying for the delicious food, and also commended Librarian Doris Madsen for organizing the event so well, making for a good time for all ages. Over 600 people attended, including Commissioners Simmons, Fyntrilakis and Moriarty.	



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4. Director's Report:

1. Ms. Fogarty told the Commission that the Library received an MBLC Planning and Design Grant for the East Forest Park Branch Library. The Library has two years to complete the process, and to find out what the community needs and wants in the new space. After that the Library will work with the MBLC and the City Facilities Department. In 2016 the Library will apply for an MBLC Construction Grant; there will be a Design Committee; and an open bid process for an architect for the new building.
2. The half-day Staff Retreat led by Nancy Urbschat of TSM Design, at the Mason Square Branch Library went very well, with excellent participation.
3. Librarian Caitlin Kelley wrote a grant for outside space at the Mason Square Branch through Partners for Public Spaces. No cash was awarded but the Library can order up to \$5000 worth of items to activate their outdoor space. The empty lot next to the branch has been cleared and cleaned so it can become an active lively space with outdoor furniture and a pop-up movie screen. "A great community builder."
4. Tomorrow there will be an opening for the Quilt Exhibit at the Forest Park Branch. The handmade quilts are displayed throughout the library and look beautiful.
5. Mr. Ramsay shared the newest circulation statistics. "Our numbers are really up!"
6. Mr. Ramsay said that the Library is spearheading bringing online Western Mass newspapers to the area.
7. Ms. Fogarty stated that the FY15 Budget Hearing with the City Council "went very well."

5. Harwood- Turning Outward Aspirations Exercise with Springfield Library Commissioners:

As the result of receiving an ALA Grant funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, this past May a small group of Springfield City Library staff attended three full days of training in Denver given by the Harwood Institute focusing on libraries taking a leadership role in transforming communities. (The success of the "Imagine a Peace-full City" events planned by the Library's Civic and Community Engagement Team led by Ms. Canosa prompted her to apply for the ALA



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Grant.)

Ms. Fogarty then introduced two of the attendees, Jean Canosa-Albano, Public Services Manager, and Emma Peterson, Reference Librarian, to lead the Commissioners through the exercise. Ms. Canosa said, "Everyone should turn outward towards community when making decisions." The Library's Harwood trained group will gather public knowledge by meeting with various community groups, such as the Interfaith Council in two weeks.

6. Other Business: The Commissioners decided not to hold a regular meeting in July or August, but to call a meeting if deemed necessary.

8. Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved: September 3, 2014

Meghan Lunghi, *Secretary*