

Meeting Minutes

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: June 5, 2013

Attending: Chairman Stephen Cary and Commissioners Krysta Fyntrilakis, Meghan Lunghi, Timothy Moriarty, Matthew Reilly, and Lorna Simmons.

Absent: Vera O'Connor

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

Call to order: Mr. Cary called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
1. Approval of Minutes from the May 1, 2013 Library Commission Meeting	Commissioner Fyntrilakis made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2013 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Moriarty provided the second. The motion passed.	
2. Jay Minkarah-Develop Springfield	Mr. Minkarah, President of Develop Springfield, addressed the Library Commission giving an overview of planned economic development in Springfield; many focused on the tornado impacted areas. His organization will be taking the lead and implementing the "Rebuild Springfield" Plan. Mr. Minkarah stated "the Library matters," then talked about the interest in and possibility of a new East Forest Park Branch Library.	
3. Library Advisory Committee Reports:	None.	
4. Commission Committee Reports:	None.	

5. Chairman's Report:

Mr. Cary talked about the Library's video promoting the Summer Reading Club, which will be broadcast on the Community Action Channel. He offered thanks to the two children from the Forest Park Drama Studio for their hard work.

6. Director's Report:

Ms. Fogarty announced that:

- The Library has received a 15.5% increase in the FY14 budget, providing funding for a 29% increase in branch hours. In addition the increase will fund a new “development position.”
- Develop Springfield is involved in planning for a new East Forest Park Branch Library. The cost is estimated at \$3.5 million with the State providing funds for 50% and the City 50%.
- She will attend the East Forest Park Civic Association meeting next week. The group has great community support for a new branch library and will discuss locations for it - possibly the Mary Dryden School grounds or the Nathan Bill Park.
- Library staff had an informational table at the World's Largest Pancake Breakfast on May 11 with great success and much interest from the public. Staff provided information on Summer Reading Club, library events, and signed adults and children up for library cards. She was very glad we did it and said we'd be there again next year!

Ms. Fogarty introduced Stephen Spohn, author of the “Rethink Springfield City Library” study, which has been a yearlong project for him. Mr. Spohn said “today is the day to celebrate a major victory for the Library.” A detailed presentation and discussion concerning the recent Sustainability Study followed. Project Goals, Our Activities, Roles of the Library, etc. New “Library Teams” will be formed focusing on Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning, Afterschool Services, Civic and Community Engagement, Early Literacy, and Workforce Development. Ms. Fogarty explained that 18 new employees (12 full time, 6 part time) would need to be hired to provide library services. Hopefully these jobs will be posted by July 1.

Mr. Moriarty made a motion to endorse Stephen Spohn's plan; Ms. Fyntrilakis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

7. Election of Officers:

Postponed until next meeting.

8. Other

Ms. Fogarty spoke about the mural, “The Light of Education” which

Business: had hung at Classical High School. It has been gifted to the School Department and they are loaning it to the Library Department for display in Wellman Hall at the Central Library. Classical alumnae will provide funding for installation.

Mr. Moriarty asked about the profit from the Central Library Gala in April. Ms. Leaders explained that it was about \$16,000.

No Library Commission meetings will be held during the months of July and August. If necessary a special meeting can be scheduled.

Commissioner Lunghi told Commissioners that she would be attending the upcoming American Library Association Conference in Chicago.

9. Executive Session: Not needed.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved: September 5, 2013

Vera O'Connor, *Secretary*