

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

Place: Central Library Community Room

**Date:** May 6, 2015

**Attending:** Chairman Vera O'Connor, and Commissioners Krysta Fyntrilakis, Meghan

Lunghi, Timothy Moriarty

Absent: Commissioners Steve Cary, Matthew Reilly and Lorna Simmons

**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 5:36 p.m.

Agenda Item Discussion & Decisions Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes from the March 4, 2015 Library Commission

Meeting

(Follow up)
Commissioner Moriarty made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting of the

Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Fyntrilakis seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

### 2. Commission Committee Reports

Commissioner Lunghi congratulated the library on the recent "Sip & Savor, Rhythm & Rhymes" event held to honor Springfield's first Poet Laureate, Maria Luisa Arroyo, and benefiting the Friends of the Springfield Library.

Ms. Lunghi reported on the library rebranding session in March she attended with some library staff, led by TSM Design. Logo concepts were revealed and explained by Nancy Urbschat. At the June 19 all staff meeting TSM will unveil the library's new logo.

Commissioner Fyntrilakis spoke about the end of Summer Reading Club party that will be held at the Zoo at Forest Park. She reported that she felt the YPS event she attended on behalf of the Friends of the Library held at Storrowton Tavern went well, suggesting the Friends sponsor a YPS meeting yearly.

Ms. Fyntrilakis stated that she is in favor of a crosswalk in front of the Central Library.



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#### 3. Chairman's Report

Ms. O'Connor reported that she enjoyed attending April's Library Legislative Day in Boston, as well as the "Sip & Savor" event.

#### 4. Director's Report

Library Director Fogarty reported

- Chris Cignoli, Director of the Springfield Department of Public Works, planned to attend tonight's Commission meeting to give an update on the crosswalk issue, but had a conflict. Ms. Fogarty noted that she has found him "very responsive."
- The meeting concerning the East Forest Park Branch Planning and Design Grant was held on March 31, with J. Stewart Roberts the "top candidate." They have designed many libraries in the state and have written 35 construction grants in Massachusetts, with all of them approved. J. Stewart Roberts will attend the May 13 East Forest Park Civic Association meeting along with Ms. Fogarty and Commissioner Cary. Site selection, schematics, blueprints and cost estimates are expected by fall.
- The Library will have a table at the World's Largest Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 16.
- Mayor Domenic J. Sarno will take part in the Ribbon Cutting and official opening of the Forest Park Branch Library Reading Garden at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 13. An "Alice in Wonderland Garden Party" will follow.
- On June 8 at 2:15 p.m. there will be a Summer Reading Club press conference at City Hall. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

#### 5. Other Business

Ms. Leaders gave an update on remodeling at the Pine Point/204 Boston Road location, home of Read/Write/Now and the Library Express. She said it looks great, with tiling and painting completed and carpet to be laid soon. A September 2015 Grand Opening is anticipated.

Ms. Fyntrilakis reported that the Sixteen Acres Branch needs one additional "handicapped button."

Ms. Fogarty said that the Central Library façade is



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being assessed for necessary repairs, and a RFP will go out to bid to estimate cost for repairs to the entire building.

Mr. Moriarty shared information about a great program about Carnegie Libraries he'd heard about on NPR.

| 6. Executive Session   | Not needed.                  |  |  |
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| Adjournment: The me    | eting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. |  |  |
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