



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

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: September 2, 2015

Attending: Vera O'Connor, Chair, Commissioners Meghan Lunghi, Matthew Reilly, Timothy Moriarty

Absent: Commissioners Lorna Simmons, Stephen Cary, Krysta Fyntrilakis

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

Call to order: Ms. O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
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1. Approval of Minutes from the June 3, 2015 Library Commission Meeting

(Follow up)

Commissioner Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lunghi seconded the motion.
The motion passed.

2. Nancy Urbschat, TSM Design, New Library Branding Presentation

Ms. Urbschat explained that this past year her company celebrated its 30th anniversary, which precipitated donating services to rebrand the Springfield City Library. This decision started from attending a Library Staff Development Day back in June of 2014. After a discovery session which included staff at all levels and a representative from the Library Commission and several other meetings five Logos were presented. The design selection was unanimous. Ms. Urbschat unveiled the new logo and brand with a Power Point presentation. Library Commissioners were appreciative and liked the new logo.

3. Chairman's Report

Ms. O'Connor, Chair, reported that she visited Sixteen Acres and Mason Square branches. Both branches are always busy and the garden at Mason Square is thriving. The August 20th Community Event was well attended and Ms. O'Connor was pleased with all the publicity the event received. Ms. O'Connor called Chris Cignoli, Head of the DPW in regards to a possible crosswalk near the Central Library on State Street. Director Fogarty



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will address in her report.

4. Director's Report

Library Director Fogarty reported:

- East Forest Park – Architect J. S. Roberts presented possible locations to the committee that were identified by the community. The committee met with the East Forest Park Civic Association on August 19, 2015 where a presentation was viewed and a vote by the majority to choose the Mary Dryden School property. Nathan Bill Park came in second. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2015. The goal is to review the community meeting and make a recommendation to the Mayor.
- Central Library – The City is in the process of finalizing a contract with Caolo and Bieniek to do a comprehensive assessment on the Central Library Building, which should include parking issues as well.
- Director Fogarty and Commissioner Cary met with Chris Cignoli regarding a State Street crossing near the Central Library. Mr. Cignoli along with city and state officials are working on a solution for the Central Library and near the Mason Square section of the city. The PVTA received a grant to do a study to put in a Bus lane on State Street. Mr. Cignoli is waiting to hear how this study would affect the crosswalk study.
- Director Fogarty announced that after several months of emails and phone calls the Staff at the Brightwood Branch Library received keys to the Plainfield Street door so that they now can access the library without having to walk through the school.
- The end of Summer Reading Program event at Forest Park was successful where many families were able to attend. Over 600 people enjoyed games, refreshments and access to the Zoo. Mayor Sarno and Councilor Shea were also in attendance. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Springfield Library. Tickets to the Zoo were donated by the Forest Park Zoo.
- Library Express at Pine Point is scheduled for a soft opening on Wednesday,



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September 9. The Read/Write/Now program is all moved in and staff are setting up the classrooms.

- The August 12 program 'Invention of the Modern Dictionary' was well attended.
- The Springfield Library is partnering with the Springfield Public Forum with book discussion groups featuring Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's book, 'My Beloved World'. Books were donated by the Springfield Public Forum.

5. Other Business

Commissioner Moriarty stated that a representative from Bay State will be attending the Job Fair Program that is scheduled later this Fall. He also announced that the Diversity Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 8th at the Mass Mutual Center.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

6. Executive Session

Not needed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Meghan Lunghi, *Secretary*