

Meeting Minutes

Place: Central Library Community Room

Date: September 4, 2013

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

Absent: Commissioner Lorna Simmons

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

Call to order: Mr. Cary called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion & Decisions	Action Items
1. Approval of Minutes from the June 5, 2013 Library Commission Meeting	Commissioner Moriarty made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting of the Springfield Library Board of Commissioners . Commissioner Fyntrilakis seconded the motion.	
2. Re-Think Springfield- Team Leaders' Reports: Jean Canosa Albano, Maeleah Carlisle , Reggie Wilson, Janet Kelly, Martha Coons	The motion passed. Jean Canosa Albano talked about the many programs the Civic/Community Engagement Team is planning for upcoming months. The group wants to set up “Civic Corners” in each branch and provide voter registration and information. Working with the Interfaith Council the Library will take part in Imagining a Peace-Full City, which will focus on gun violence. Children can make prayer flags; a panel on gun violence will be held at the Mason Square Branch, to name a few. Fall Festivals are planned for each branch. Martha Coons talked about the After School Team's plans, including many fun events for Teen Read Week, October 14-19, Seek the Unknown at Your Library! During spring vacation week the Team is planning a Creative Arts Festival in collaboration with	

the Museums to include a variety of programs, even Steampunk art.

Maeleah Carlisle talked about what the Early Literacy Team is planning including: Storytimes to develop early literacy skills and a many event “Puppet Fiesta” November 18-30.

Reggie Wilson represented the Workforce Development Team. He said they are planning: Job Search Programs; working with outside agencies; a Career Fair at the Library; and a Career Center at each branch library.

Janet Kelly talked about the Adult Literacy/Lifelong Learning Team. They are planning a Financial Literacy Week, full of events October 20-26, topped off by a Financial Literacy Fair on Saturday, October 26. A major event is in the works for the spring, focusing on Springfield neighborhoods.

Also R/W/N will celebrate its 25 th Anniversary this fall.

**3. Stephen Spohn,
Consultant-Re-Think
Springfield**

Mr. Spohn thanked everyone for their hard work and gave an “unequivocal Wow” to the library for the exciting news of receiving a budget increase.

He then answered questions from the Commission.

**4. Commission Committee
Reports:**

None.

5. Chairman's Report:

The Liberty Branch Library is becoming a Senior Center, and Mr. Cary felt the press conference was handled very well. All in attendance were pleased that the new park on the property would be named for Mary Troy.

6. Director's Report:

Commissioner O'Connor asked about additional open hours at the branches. Ms. Fogarty explained that a great number of interviews are taking place and hopefully new hours can be in place by mid November. The Library received 338 applications for 12

positions.

Ann Keefe has been working on downsizing the collection at Pine Point, in preparation for the expansion of the Read/Write/Now Program there. A small “Express Library” will be located in part of that building.

Workers are now laying the inscribed bricks in the Reading Garden at the Forest Park Branch Library. A fence and plants will be installed soon.

7. Election of Officers:

Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Cary will meet to discuss the process. Election of Officers will take place at the October 2 Commission meeting.

8. Other Business:

Mr. Moriarty asked about the Library's Development Position. Ms. Fogarty stated that it is on hold until January. He also felt that letters welcoming new residents to Springfield should include library information.

The Friends of the Library will begin selling donated and discarded books out of each library location soon. Ms. Fogarty will set up a meeting with Mary Ann Maloney, President of the Friends of the Library, to discuss options and prices.

Everyone talked about planning something fun for National Library Week in April, perhaps a “Library Crawl.”

9. Executive Session: Unnecessary.

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

Vera O'Connor, *Secretary*

Approved: October 2, 2013