



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

City of Madison
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Thursday, May 3, 2007

4:30 PM

Madison Public Library
201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 201

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Larry Palm, Carol Carstensen, Ann L. Falconer, David L. Wallner and Gregory Markle

Absent: Tracy K. Kuczynski and Annette Miller

Excused: Barbara J. Karlen and Theodore C. Widder, III

Also Present: Dimick, Benno, Grogan, Roughen

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 1, 2007 Minutes were approved.

**A motion was made by Carstensen, seconded by Palm, to Approve the Minutes.
The motion passed by acclamation.**

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

We received notification from the Dane County Library Service that MPL has met the exemption requirement and will, therefore, be exempt from the county tax this year.

The Sequoia Commons developers had a plaque made for the MPL Foundation in honor of the Sequoia groundbreaking April 25, 2007.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

VI. BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

There was none.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

The adjustments have been made to the 2007 budget and are reflected on the Financial Reports.

It's too early yet to notice any trends.

Miller arrived at 4:39 p.m. and Kuczynski arrived at 4:41 p.m.

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VIII. THE CITY'S NATURAL STEP PROGRAM REPORT

Mark Benno reported the City has adopted the Natural Step Program as its official framework and process for approaching sustainability. It was developed by the founder of IKEA and provides a disciplined approach to any product or process so no one approaches sustainability willy-nilly. It provides a very regimented process to follow with system conditions in the environment that you measure against. It's very project oriented, stresses data collection, measurements and benchmarks. From beginning to end, the process is very methodical. It stresses removing or not placing barriers to people living a productive and healthy life and recognizes that humans are necessarily adverse to change. It is not revolutionary or radical.

Mr. Benno has been made the project manager for the City's green cleaning project. Green cleaning is being instituted in all city building that are maintained by engineering, the library and the water department. All cleaning products will be non-toxic.

There has been some indication from Engineering that they might put a solar panel at the Alicia Ashman Branch for energy savings. There would be a display inside the building to show how much energy is being saved.

IX. FACILITIES REPORT: CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR PINNEY AND MONROE ST.

Jane Roughen reported that both the Pinney and the Monroe Street Branches are being updated and refreshed. 2006 capital project money is being spent in 2007 for these projects. The funds are for interior paint and carpet at Pinney and for energy efficient lighting and carpet at Monroe Street.

In addition, staff took this opportunity to look at programs, collection and furniture layouts at both locations and decided some professional assistance was warranted. Engberg Anderson Design Partnership was engaged to develop new schematics, color schemes and new outlooks for both. Additional space for personal computing needed to be added. Space needed to be reconfigured for customers to pick up their own holds. These changes are a result of the way we now do business. The plan now exceeds available funds, but the Friends groups may come to the rescue! Board members were urged to stop in over the next few months to see the improvements.

X. APPROVAL OF NAMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNAL SPACES AT THE NEW SEQUOYA BRANCH

The architects for the Sequoya project determined areas of the new branch that would be potential naming opportunities. Schematics were drawn up and distributed to board members indicating where these naming opportunities are located. The cost per naming area was determined by the cost to construct, furnish, and equip each area per square foot.

The naming opportunities may change according to specific donor requests. An area may be broken down into several smaller less expensive areas.

Falconer moved, seconded by Miller to approve the naming opportunities. The

motion passed by acclamation.

XI. REVIEW OF SEQUOYA BRANCH SCHEMATICS

See Item X above.

XII. FRIENDS' UPDATE

The Central Friends had a successful book sale, clearing out tons of fiction books.

The Book Club Cafe was a sell-out again this year. Sara Gruen, author of Water for Elephants was a wonderful speaker.

XIII. FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Sequoya fund raising continues and has gone over the \$600,000 mark.

The Foundation has contracted with someone to build a Foundation web-site separate from that of MPL.

Foundation Board members will be attending a strategic planning retreat.

XIV. SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE

There was no report. It was noted, however, that MPL still doesn't have a representative on the South Central Board.

XV. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

We're still waiting for the consultant's final report.

XVI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Personnel - No report

Planning - Central fund raising quietly goes forward; the Mayor lists the Central library groundbreaking as a goal in his next 4-year term.

South Madison expansion - Still working with a group of people that will be part of the new Villager Mall. The library will be one of the first agencies to go up in conjunction with something, but that something hasn't been determined yet. It's a very complex process. Strang has been hired to determine the adjacencies of whom should be situated next to whom. This is to be done by July. Once we know where we'll be, we can begin planning because the library has capital budget funds for this project. Construction could begin by spring of '08.

New far west side site - City Planning is working with the attorney of a woman who owns some of the property identified as a good site. Will have something more to report next month.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded by Miller, to Adjourn. The motion passed by acclamation.

