

City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Draft

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MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, May 5, 2005

4:30 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 P.M.

Present: Ald. Larry Palm, William C. Keys, Barbara J. Karlen, John A. Taft, Jr., Ramon R. Hernandez, Ann L. Falconer, David L. Wallner and Theodore C. Widder, III

Also Present: Benno, Dimick, Dilorio, Froistad, Grogan, Markle, J. Olson, L. Olson, Roughen, Sawyer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 7, 2005 Minutes were approved.

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Falconer, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A touching complimentary letter from a donor was distributed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Madison Public Library team, sponsored by Demco Corp. won the adult spelling bee for literacy, a fundraiser for the Madison Area Literacy Council. Greg Markle, representative of the Literacy Council, presented staff members Carla Dilorio and Mark Benno with a plaque and traveling trophy for winning the competition. Tom Karls and Heidi Marzen were also members of the winning team.

Mr. Markle was thanked for his service on the Library Board.

V. BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Mr. Wallner commented on an article he read in The Christian Science Monitor regarding bookmobiles. The first bookmobile, a horse drawn cart, was introduced in Maryland in the early 1900s. There are 800 bookmobiles in the U.S.; Kentucky has the most.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed; it's early in the year so there wasn't much to discuss. The Director was asked, however, to request that M&I provide a historical analysis of the library's endowment account for the last 10 years.

VII. SOUTH MADISON HEALTH AND FAMILY CENTER UPDATE

The Library Board needs to agree that the South Madison Branch will be part of the newly reorganized collaborative organization called Harambee. By-laws have been

developed and were distributed to the Library Board. The library has been part of the discussion on the nature of that collaboration. The library intends to be a supportive Harambee partner in terms of programming and collaboration, but cannot fund it. There will be more public and private organizations in the new structure than there are presently. Each entity would have one member on the Harambee Board. The library would be free to withdraw or resign from Harambee at any time.

Not all the Harambee agencies will be contiguous in the new Villager Mall plan. (The library could be a freestanding building or part of new structures in a different part of the redesigned mall.) Currently the library branch has two entrances--one for the public and one for other Harambee members and customers. In the new configuration we will have only one entrance. The new library will be an important and visible part of the Villager.

Planning meetings have provoked intense discussion about what kind of retail and dining to be included. It was requested that any plan the city comes up with should come back to the Library Planning Committee for approval.

VIII. FRIENDS' UPDATE

The Central Friends spring book sale was reasonably good. Jack Taft is being presented with the volunteer of the year award at RSVP. More volunteers than ever from the branches attended the annual Friends' volunteer recognition dinner. The Book Club Cafe was a wonderful event. Dean Bakupoulos provided a stirring rendition of the importance of libraries. The Friends made a \$3000 profit off the event.

IX. FOUNDATION UPDATE

There was a wonderful turn out at Barnes and Noble for the Elizabeth Berg author event to raise money for the Sequoya renovation project.

Preparations are underway to get the spring follow-up solicitation mailing out. We have received donations totaling over \$49,000 to date.

X. SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE

The System is starting its own planning process, focusing on what they do to support member libraries.

XI. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

MPL received notification that it met the standards to qualify for the Dane County exemption.

XII. FACILITIES UPDATE

There was no report.

XIII. UPDATE ON NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY AND DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

Cheryl Weston, chair of the Foundation's development committee, and other Foundation members met with architects to talk about how much it would cost to look at a reduced version of the Central Library plan. The architects determined it would cost \$25,000 to redesign the existing plan. They agreed to contribute half with the remainder being paid

by the library or MPL Foundation. The Plan Committee recommended proceeding with this provided the Foundation would incur that cost so that no public funds would be used. The Foundation Board has agreed. We would also like to have the architect complete a redo of the rendering of the existing plan as well, but don't have any figures on the cost for this.

Will Bruder would be available to come to Madison June 7 and 8 to discuss changes to the plan. Once the date and time are agreed upon, Planning Committee members will be notified.

XIV. UPDATE ON VILLAGER MALL PLANNING AND THE SOUTH MADISON BRANCH

Ms. Dimick attended a meeting of everyone involved. Everyone is excited about being included in the initial planning phase.

XV. APPROVAL TO PROCEED IN NEGOTIATING FOR SITE FOR A FUTURE FAR WEST SIDE LIBRARY

City Real Estate has identified a site in a commercial development off Midtown Road that meets the library's criteria for siting a library. The consensus of the Planning Committee was that this particular site was the best site. They recommended the Library Board authorize City Real Estate staff to negotiate purchase of the land.

Palm moved, seconded by Falconer, to Accept the Plan Committee's recommendation to authorize Real Estate staff to negotiate a far west site branch. Motion passed by acclamation.

CLOSED SESSION

The Library Board may consider item #XVI in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, which reads as follows: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" and to discuss the performance evaluation criteria of the Library Director in accordance with Madison General Ordinance section 3.44, 19.85(1)(c).

A motion was made by Ald. Palm, seconded by Keys, to Convene into Closed Session. The motion passed by acclamation.

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XVI. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Planning
- Approval to Continue Negotiations on Future Far Eastside Library
- Approval to Negotiate Terms for an Expanded New Sequoya Branch Library
- Personnel

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Voted to go out of closed session and adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Ald. Palm, seconded by Wallner, to Adjourn. The motion passed by acclamation.