



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

City of Madison
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Thursday, June 1, 2006

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.

Present: Ald. Larry Palm, Carol Carstensen, Barbara J. Karlen, John A. Taft, Jr., Ann L. Falconer, Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Absent: Ramon R. Hernandez

Excused: David L. Wallner

Also Present: Dimick, Benno, Deiters, Froistad, Sawyer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A correction was noted on Section IX, Facilities Update, last paragraph: Minutes corrected to read: Mr. Widder announced he will recuse himself from any votes on the positions we take regarding the Sequoya Branch because his firm represents Joe Krupp in this and other matters.

A motion was made by Taft, Jr., seconded by Ald. Palm, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

We received a comment from the Foundation prospect mailing that if we charged every library card holder \$1.00, we would have no trouble making our goal.

A donor commented, "As the saying goes, live and learn. The library has been indispensable in my long learning process; I'm 77."

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

V. BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

At Mr. Taft's request, a New York Time's article "What will happen to books" was distributed in the board packet.

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It was noted that the handicap parking spaces around the library have been "bagged" recently. This may have to do with the rerouting of buses, but the library hasn't received any information regarding this. The Director was requested to strongly object to the "bagging" of these few spots. If it is indeed being done because of bus route changes, then the buses could park at the opposite end of the block. Ms. Dimick to report back at

the next meeting.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

There is nothing unusual to report. Staff will do a thorough analysis of all accounts early in the summer as we begin preparing to move into the 2007 operating budget process.

It is expected to take until the end of the year for M&I funds to be fully transferred into the income producing assets.

The 2007 Capital Budget Request was discussed. The Mayor's message was that if a project wasn't in the long-range plan, it would most likely not be funded for 2007. The Director proposed the following items:

- Sequoia construction costs (reauthorizing 2006 funds for 2007 when the project receives final approval.)*
- Increase the design/planning costs for the South Madison Branch redevelopment that were already approved in the 2006 capital budget.*
- Delay the request for \$100,000 for technology improvements from 2007 to 2008 as the technology is not ready for implementation yet.*

There are funds in the 2006 capital budget to purchase land for a far southwest side branch library. It has been determined the parcel we were looking at in the Midtown Road area will not work for the library; will ask Real Estate to pursue other locations.

Hernandez moved, seconded by Markle, to authorize the director to submit the first two items as the capital budget proposal. Motion passed by acclamation.

VII. REVIEW STATUS OF SEQUOYA BRANCH LIBRARY

The Urban Design Commission approved the Midvale Shopping Center proposal including the library after 4 1/2 hours of discussion-- most of it acrimonious, although there were some positive comments this time. The architect spoke about the issue of a second entrance to the library. It will be located in the middle of the building on Tokay. There will be a security gate but no staffing. This is a good compromise that will not substantially increase the library's costs. (Without the second entrance, it is doubtful the project would have been approved.) In terms of space, some square footage will be lost to a dedicated vestibule, but it's less than if the entrance had been located on the corner. The Plan Commission will meet in June. The same neighborhood issues will be brought up.

VIII. FACILITIES UPDATE

The Meadowood Shopping Center will soon gain a new Walgreen's and get a new exterior and updated parking lot and landscaping. Construction should not affect the library end of the center. The tenants are upset with the new management company's rent increases. The library pays \$5,000 now in common area maintenance fees. This will double in the future. We will owe for last year and this year; taxes have increased as well. City Real Estate is comparing the common area charges prorated on our square footage to see if this is a reasonable amount.

IX. FRIENDS' UPDATE

The ninth annual Book Club Cafe event was very successful. The committee responsible for producing the event is discussing the possibility of changing the venue

next year to accommodate more people.

X. FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Foundation has hired Scott Braucht, an independent contractor to organize the Sequoya capital campaign. A total of approximately \$975,000 dollars needs to be raised. There is about \$200,000 in the bank at the present time.

XI. SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE

At the state level, a library reform bill was passed dealing with the inequities of cross border borrowing. This will primarily affect libraries on the edge of the county.

XII. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

We are still waiting for the consultant's report on governance structuring.

XIII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Planning - No report.

Personnel - Staff is compiling information to present to Human Resources re changes to the job descriptions.

Despite our imploring Mr. Hernandez to seek reappointment to the Library Board, he has decided to step down. He was thanked for his service to the Library Board and will be greatly missed. He commented that his six years on the board have been fun - it's as fine a board as he's ever known and equal to the task. Current board members are endowed with many gifts that make the board very strong; he will be leaving it in good hands. In his judgment, MPL has a fine library director. When she decides to step down, the Board will be faced with a big challenge - to find someone who is politically smart, has integrity and knows libraries. He cautioned the board to address the big problem of governance and not wait to react to it.

XIV. STRATEGIES FOR IMPENDING UNION NEGOTIATIONS

The Madison Public Library will convene in closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1)(e), Wis. Stats, for the deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, in order to formulate strategy for impending negotiations with the collective bargaining units within the Madison Public Library.

A motion was made by Ald. Palm, seconded by Karlen, to Convene into Closed Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Excused: Wallner

Aye: Palm, Carstensen, Karlen, Taft, Jr., Hernandez, Falconer, Widder, III and Markle

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Markle, seconded by Ald. Palm, to Reconvene. The motion passed by acclamation.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.m

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