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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, June 16, 2008

6:30 PM

Madison Public Library
201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 202

THE MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CENTRAL LIBRARY DISPOSAL SURPLUS PROPERTY CRITERIA AND SELECTION COMMITTEE IS SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON PLANS FOR A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: 7 -

Maya Cole; David L. Wallner; Barbara J. Karlen; Tracy K. Kuczynski; Ann L. Falconer; Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Excused: 2 -

Allen A. Arntsen and Larry Palm

Also Present: Ald. Verveer, Ray Harmon

President Widder explained that this is a joint meeting of the Madison Public Library Board and the Central Library Disposal Surplus Property Criteria and Selection Committee, the committee formed for the express purpose of dealing with the Central Library. There has been a proposal for a development on this site which would be a combination office/library. The Library Board decided that was something to pursue in light of the need to renovate the facility. The property has been declared surplus to enable the request for proposal process to proceed. At this time, the public has the opportunity to share opinions on the project.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Timothy Gary - expressed opposition to the plan. He feels the plan is too ambitious and that the library does not need to complement Overture. The library should repair the elevators, roof and HVAC systems. Residents are taxed to the limit already. The reality we have seen for Overture, Monona Terrace and the Goodman pool has not reached the promises that were made.

Peter Ostlind - The Bassett District Capital Neighborhood is interested in the issue and is in the process of organizing a forum to further discuss what the Central library means to downtown residents. Libraries are a reflection of community ideals and standards and were landmark buildings in the past. It

would lose that distinction in a mixed-use facility. If the land and building are owned by the city (library), they have control over it. Is the economic expediency really worth what would be given up?

Thom Boykoff - representing the Friends of Madison Public Library supports having a new building as a flagship library. The Central Friends group has raised over \$20,000 annually for the library for the past several years through sales of used books. They would like to make a request for the following in a new building: 1) space for sorting and storage of materials that are donated; 2) the Friendship store be maintained in a new building; and 3) small office space.

3. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Falconer, seconded by Wallner, to Adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.