



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, February 4, 2010

4:30 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Present: 6 -
Larry Palm; Barbara J. Karlen; Allen A. Arntsen; Ann L. Falconer; David L. Wallner and Theodore C. Widder, III

Absent: 2 -
Maya Cole and Gregory Markle

Excused: 1 -
Tracy K. Kuczynski

Also present: Dimick, Sawyer, Grogan, Lee, Froistad, Benno

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Arntsen, to Approve the Minutes of January 7, 2010. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

5. BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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Quality of Service Survey 2009

Results of the City's 2009 Quality of Service Survey were discussed. Almost 74% of citizens responding felt that libraries were "very important" or

"extremely important".

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Jane Grogan Retirement

Jane Grogan, Circulation Supervisor, was congratulated on her impending retirement. Jane had a clear vision of her lifetime career as early as 9 years old when she opened a neighborhood library at her childhood home.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Markle arrived at 4:33 followed by Ms. Cole at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 8 -

Larry Palm; Maya Cole; Barbara J. Karlen; Allen A. Arntsen; Ann L. Falconer; David L. Wallner; Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Excused: 1 -

Tracy K. Kuczenski

6. ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[17322](#)

February 2010 Director's Report

Arntsen moved, seconded by Palm to accept the Director's Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

[17323](#)

Financial Statements Preliminary December 2009

Library staff is still paying 2009 bills so there is no final year-end report yet.

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Falconer, to Accept the December 2009 Preliminary Financial Report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. APPROVAL OF 2010 DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE EXTENSION OF SERVICES CONTRACT

[17324](#)

2010 DCLS Extension of Services Contract

This contract sets out the provisions for payment by DCLS to MPL for serving Dane County residents who do not live in a municipality that supports a library. In exchange for providing services to these residents, MPL will receive \$464,981 from Dane County. This is down \$70,000 from last year. More people

in Madison are using suburban libraries.

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Cole, to Approve the 2010 Dane County Library Service Extention of Services Contract. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. APPROVAL OF 2010 DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE FACILITY AGREEMENT

[17325](#)

2010 DCLS Facilities Agreement

Dane County Library Service rents space at the Central Library from Madison Public Library. This agreement stipulates the cost for the space and services for 2010. When the Central Library moves to its new location, there will no longer be space available for DCLS. They will begin looking for alternate space now.

A motion was made by Karlen, seconded by Palm, to Approve the 2010 Dane County Library Facility Agreement. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. PRESENTATION BY VERIDIAN COMPANY REGARDING CHANGES TO GRANDVIEW COMMONS LIBRARY SITE AND AGREEMENT

Brian Monson, representative from Veridian, provided information on the proposed changes for the donated site of the proposed Grandview Commons Branch Library. The land donated by Veridian is scheduled for design and construction in the 2012/2013 capital budget.

When the land was given to the library, nothing had been built in the development. Now it is about 60% built out. A portion of the town center that was envisioned can now come to fruition. The town center is in the heart of the neighborhood. A walkable neighborhood center was planned. It will have a variety of uses, but Veridian keyed on a civic presence. Veridian would like to revise the placement of the library. They are able to obtain an additional parcel of land which will open up several possibilities for development in the town center--the primary component being able to incorporate a grocery store. The reconfigured library parcel would be reduced from .6 acres to .4 acres and have an enhanced view to Cottage Grove Road and parking area. With the addition of a grocery store which could be completed in 2010/2011, there would be a large shared parking field, thus opening up more parking for the library. Parking spaces would increase from 150 to 400-450 stalls serving a larger retail base.

The proposed library reconfiguration would be for 15,000 sq. ft. in two stories (an expanded lower level) or a 1-story 12,000 sq. ft. building (Both Ashman and the new South Madison measure about 12,000 sq. ft.) or 9,000 sq. ft on first floor and 3,000 sq. ft on lower level. The lower level could be used for storage, meeting or office space. The lower level can be open on three sides and finished at a later date. It is flexible and can accomplish almost 25,000 sq. ft. total on two floors. It will be situated such that it will have a view of the capital and include an outdoor patio on the west side. The timing for completion

would remain the same - 2012/2013.

Veridian is requesting that the Library Board consider reconfiguring the lot and allow necessary easements to accommodate a future grocery store and neighborhood center redesign.

To offset their request, Veridian wanted to make sure this was a "win" for everyone by offering something in exchange for the reconfiguration. They, therefore, propose that the library will receive benefits of sharing parking and common area but will be exempt from construction costs and common area maintenance fees (amounting to \$6000 yearly); they will renew their commitment for a \$150,000 contribution for the capital fund raising campaign; and they will undertake the necessary steps to facilitate the reconfiguration of the lot or easements.

There was discussion about having designated library parking spaces. A two-story would require the installation of an elevator and also increase staffing costs for us. Because of the grade configuration of the land, a basement would have to be built anyway. There are several options that would allow for a loading point. A reversion would be possible if the grocery store doesn't happen. If the library board approves the plan, it should be conditioned upon the grocery store plan taking up a portion of our site. The Board asked Mr. Monson to discuss with Jeff Rosenberg the possibility of changing the reversion date to 2015 or 2016 instead of 2014, considering how the city capital budget process works.

Mr. Monson will be present at the March meeting to present a formal request to amend the lot size and the concept of an addition of a grocery store.

11. ROLE OF THE LIBRARY BOARD IN PLANNING FOR THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY

The Library Board would like to be involved in the design process of the new Central Library. As stated in the contract the architect must have four public meetings and one or more could possibly be combined with library board meetings. At a minimum, the Library Board will hear public comments and witness what is going on. The architect can be requested to come to a Library Board meeting at any point in these forums to make a presentation. The library director will be updating the board monthly and the board can request to become involved at any point in the process.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Widder left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Present: 7 -

Larry Palm; Maya Cole; Barbara J. Karlen; Allen A. Arntsen; Ann L. Falconer; David L. Wallner and Gregory Markle

Excused: 2 -

Tracy K. Kuczenski and Theodore C. Widder, III

12. FACILITIES REPORT

As of yesterday, the site for the South Madison Branch Library has finally been purchased!

13. FRIENDS' UPDATE

The Central Friends approved a grant for the Summer Library Program. For many years, the Central Friends were the main or sole support of this important library program. More recently several Branch Friends groups and the Foundation are also lending support.

14. FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Foundation Board is in the process of interviewing consultants for the Central Library project.

15. SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE

The South Central Library System has begun the process of recruiting for a new director. Legislative Lobby Day is scheduled for Feb. 16. Wallner and Cole will attend.

16. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

There was no report.

17. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Markle, to Adjourn at 5:43 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.