

Reports of the Board's Delegate to the Library Board

January 26, 2017

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REPORT #1: REPORT ON THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Gurda called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:38 p.m. on November 22, 2016, in the Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a quorum present. Agenda items were taken out of order; however these minutes are presented in numerical sequence. Trustees Layden and Coggs were excused at 5:40 p.m. at which time a quorum was lost. All action items were approved with a quorum present.

- Present: JoAnne Anton, Ald. Milele Coggs*, Sharon Cook, John Gurda, Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden*, Joan Prince, Paula Kiely
- Excused: Michele Bria, Joe' Mar Hooper, Director Mark Sain
- Staff: Ryan Daniels, Eileen Force Cahill, Panola Hall, Joan Johnson, Dawn Lauber, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Jennifer Meyer Stearns, Judy Pinger, Kelly Wochinske

*Exxcused at 5:40 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The Trustees took a brief recess for the annual official photograph of the Board.

RESOURCES, RECOMMENDATIONS, RESEARCH

Story of Sim, the Library Lion

Public Services Area Manager Dawn Lauber gave a brief presentation on Sim, the lion that had lived in what is now the Central Library building, which at the time also housed the Milwaukee Public Museum. Sim, who had spent a few months in 1928 on the fourth floor, is currently on display at the Milwaukee Public Museum in the Africa exhibit.

The Library's mascot, Browser, is also a lion, but was developed independently and is not meant to represent Sim. Browser is a popular attraction for children and helps introduce them to a love of reading. Browser recently made an appearance at Harvest Fest sporting his new "makeover," which was supported in part by the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library.

REPORTS

Building and Development Committee

In the absence of Committee Chair Michelle Bria, Trustee Kovac reported that the Committee had discussed the preliminary exterior design of the Mill Road project. The parking lot's and egress's cut options continue to be studied. Director Kiely added that, since the meeting on November 3, 2016, she and Library Construction Project Manager Sam McGovern-Rowen have met with Royal Capital Group. New

design renderings will be presented at the Building and Development Committee's meeting on January 5, 2017.

Proposals for developers of the Martin Luther King projects are at that branch for public comment and are posted at www.mpl.org. During December, a community open house will be scheduled, and a special board meeting will follow on December 20, 2016, to hear potential developers' presentations for consideration and possible selection.

The Mitchell Street Project is moving forward as expected. The Library will resubmit the bid for the construction contract and will make a recommendation for award at the special meeting of the Board on December 20, 2016.

MPL Foundation

The MPL Foundation Executive Director, Ryan Daniels, reported that the Foundation has raised \$1.4 million so far and has over \$1 million of requests out to potential donors. The donor base has increased over 20% this year. Staff are projecting to raise somewhere between \$1.8 million and \$2.3 million by year's end.

The Foundation's Board is committed to support the library system with approximately \$1.2 million. Solicitations for funds to support the Mitchell Street Project have been mailed. Lawyers for Libraries Society event will take place on December 6, 2016. For a small donation, a person can become a charter member and join the library at future events.

OLD BUSINESS

East Library Apartments' Managing Partners

Director Kiely noted that HSI Properties is no longer the controlling member of The Standard @ East condominium. That interest was sold to Robert and Marcus Felker, who have been in the business of managing apartments in the metro-Milwaukee area for years. The City Attorney's Office has assured her that the sale conforms to the terms of the Development Agreement.

Budget Update

The Milwaukee Public Library's *Year 2017 Adopted Budget Overview* was distributed. During the budget-amendment process, an amendment had been offered to allocate \$25,000 to a special-purpose account in the City Clerk's budget to fund ten teen interns and related expenses to support the Connected Learning Initiative.

Update Regarding Changes to the Wisconsin Library System

Director Kiely reported on the Steering Committee charged with evaluating and looking for system efficiencies that could lead to different models of service and changes to the size of library systems within the State. Work groups met at the Wisconsin Library Association's Conference. The process is entering its third year, with improvements to be recommended later in 2017.

Haunted Library — C-K Award

Library Community Relations and Engagement Director, Eileen Force Cahill, distributed a document regarding the impact of Library Loud Days. She summarized the campaign to-date. Along with the Fine Forgiveness Campaign, enhancements in central and branch programming and targeted outreach, Library Loud Days events have contributed to an increase in services across the MPL system

NEW BUSINESS

Trustees' 2017 Meeting Schedule

President Gurda referred to the Trustees' 2017 Meeting Schedule. Trustee Prince moved, and Trustee Cook seconded, a motion to approve the schedule. Motion passed.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

Impactful Library Programs and Measurement

President Gurda held this item after Director Kiely distributed for review a document titled "Discussion Notes — 2016 Violence in Sherman Park Area and Library Board Ideas."

Holiday Book Donation

The Trustees participated in the annual book donation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees' meeting of November 22, 2016, was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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REPORT #2: REPORT ON THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President John Gurda called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:38 p.m. on December 20, 2016, at Martin Luther King Library, 310 West Locust Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Present: JoAnne Anton, Michele Bria, Ald. Milele Coggs, Sharon Cook, John Gurda, Joe’Mar Hooper, Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden, Dir. Mark Sain, Paula Kiely

Excused: Joan Prince*

Staff: Joan Johnson, Dawn Lauber, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Jennifer Meyer Stearns, Crystal Sura, Kelly Wochinske

*Trustee Joan Prince recused herself due to a conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF A PROJECT MANAGER FOR MITCHELL STREET

Assistant Director of Library Operations, Jennifer Meyer, distributed a memo dated December 20, 2016, regarding bids received for the Mitchell Street Library’s Development Project. The Library has received three bids in response to a formal public bid for construction build-out of the new library on Mitchell Street. Library administration recommends awarding the contract to the low bidder, Scherrer Construction, for the base bid, plus Alternates 1, 2 and 3, as described in the memo, for a total of \$3,782,603.

After a brief discussion, Trustee Sharon Cook moved, and Trustee Michelle Bria seconded, the approval of the award of the contract to Scherrer Construction, as recommended by library administration. Motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS FOR THE MIXED-USE MARTIN LUTHER KING LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

President Gurda explained that three real estate developer teams were invited to present their proposals for a new mixed-use development on the current site of the Martin Luther King Library at 310 W. Locust Street. The development will house a new 17,000-square-foot library. The Request For Proposal was issued on September 26, 2016, and the submittals were due October 21, 2016. The proposals were made available to the public at a Community Open House on December 15, 2016, and were also posted at www.mpl.org. Public comment forms were made available at the branch, online, and at the open house.

Each team had 20 minutes for their presentation, followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer period. The presentations included conceptual design of the building, *pro forma* market study data, and a development schedule.

DELIBERATIONS OF THE PRESENTATIONS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING LIBRARY PROJECT

President Gurda entertained a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of 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 consider the Martin Luther King Library Redevelopment Request for Proposal. Trustee JoAnne Anton moved, and Trustee Sharon Cook seconded, a motion that the MPL Board go into closed session. Roll was called, and the motion unanimously passed. Director Paula Kiely, Deputy Director Joan Johnson, Library Construction Project Manager Sam McGovern-Rowen, and Administrative Assistant Crystal Sura remained during closed session. After contributing to the discussion, Trustees Joe' Mar Hooper and Chris Layden were excused during closed session.

Following deliberations, the MPL Board reconvened in open session on a motion from Trustee Sharon Cook, seconded by Trustee Mark Sain. Motion passed. In open session, Trustee Sharon Cook moved, and Trustee JoAnne Anton seconded, a motion that the Board of Trustees of the Milwaukee Public Library select Young Development to enter into the negotiation process of a development agreement for a new mixed-use project to replace the current Martin Luther King Library at 310 W. Locust Street. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees' meeting of December 20, 2016, was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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