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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Thursday, January 3, 2013

4:30 PM

Sequoia Branch  
4340 Tokay Blvd.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 -

Barbara J. Karlen; Rissel Sanderson; David L. Wallner; Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

**Excused:** 4 -

Larry Palm; Nancy L. Kieraldo; Tracy K. Kuczenski and Sheri Carter

**Also Present:** Greg Mickells, Jane Roughen, Mary Burton, Michael Spelman, Marc Gartler, Mark Benno, Susan Lee, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Alice Oakey, Carol Froistad, Tom Campbell, Ald. Matt Phair

Tripp Widder called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Markle, seconded by Wallner, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Minutes of December 6, 2012: <http://madison.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Tripp Widder stated that he had received registration statements for Agenda Item No. 9 : Approval of Madison Public Library Hosting 2013 Book Festival and Agenda Item No. 10: Approval of Meadowridge Branch Expansion and that he would call upon the registrants when those items came up on the agenda.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Greg Markle announced that he would abstain from voting on an expansion of Meadowridge Branch Library due to his employment and involvement with Operation Fresh Start.

## **BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

There was none.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

[28652](#) January 2013 Library Director's Report

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Karlen, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

## **APPROVAL OF RECOGNITION OF MARY BURTON'S SERVICE TO MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

[28661](#) Approval of Recognition of Mary Burton's Service to Madison Public Library

A motion was made by Karlen, seconded by Wallner, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

## **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

[28679](#) November 2012 Financial Statements

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Markle, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### **APPROVAL OF MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTING 2013 BOOK FESTIVAL**

Rex Owens, 1834 State Rd 19, Marshall, registered conditional support of MPL hosting the 2013 Book Festival. Owens described his concern with the library using tax dollars to support big name authors and doesn't want to see any format changes the first year. Mickells responded that he does want to see the festival retain its local flavor.

Mickells also reported that he has a proposal in front of the Foundation requesting \$100,000 to support the project which still needs approval by the Foundation board. He expects a decision next week. The total budget is estimated at \$211,000 with the remainder of the funds to come from in-kind contributions. Markle asked Mickells to explain the in-kind contributions. Mickells defined those as the value of staff time, value of library facilities and discounts on marketing and advertising. Karlen voiced a concern with the use of staff time as an in-kind contribution. She believes that with the opening of Central and possible Meadowridge expansion that staff is already spread pretty thin and she hopes that the use of staff time would be a very modest amount. Wallner spoke in support of an advisory group through the Foundation to tweak the festival and help with fundraising. Mickells agreed he would welcome community involvement with planning. Widder stated that both the MPL board and the Foundation board are extremely supportive of the project but that the challenge for both organizations is to make sure it is done right and is successful. Widder cautioned that hosting the festival in October doesn't leave much time.

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Karlen, to Approve Madison Public Library to proceed with discussions on hosting the 2013 Book Festival. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEADOWRIDGE BRANCH EXPANSION**

Gloria Meyer, 13 Jacobs Ct, registered in support of expanding the Meadowridge branch but did not wish to speak.

William Bremer, 9 Flad Circle, registered in support of expanding the Meadowridge branch but did not wish to speak.

Larry Sperling, Greentree Neighborhood Association President, e-mailed the board to inform them that the Greentree Neighborhood Association Board voted to support capital and operating budget amendments to expand the Meadowridge Library in the Meadowood Shopping Center.

Lisa Johnsen, neighborhood resident, e-mailed the board in support of expanding the Meadowridge branch.

Diane Benson Harrington, 5210 Whitcomb Dr., e-mailed the board in support of expanding the Meadowridge branch.

Larry D Nelson, 1506 Cameron Dr, representing the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association, registered in support of expanding the Meadowridge branch. Nelson supplied copies of a resolution adopted by the Board of the Orchard Ridge Neighborhood Association in support of the expansion. Nelson views this project as galvanizing interest in the community and it would relate the library, neighborhood center and schools to address current problems on the southwest side. He and others are looking forward to getting fundraising started but have been waiting for the library board to take action.

Lisa Veldran, 5738 Kroncke Dr, Meadowood Neighborhood Association President, registered in support of expanding the Meadowridge branch. Veldran e-mailed the board a letter from the Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board informing them that their board voted to support expansion of the Meadowridge Library in the Meadowood Shopping Center. Veldran spoke and referenced the Madison Common Council's 2008 Southwest Neighborhood Plan which recommends expanding Meadowridge Library at or near its present location.

Tripp Widder responded to the speakers by voicing that the board members are all library supporters but need to manage scarce resources. However he supports taking advantage of an opportunity. Rissel Sanderson voiced support of MSCR involvement in the expanded space. Dave Wallner feels it is a good project as the current branch space is too small. Ald. Matt Phair repeated that this is a great opportunity and thanked the board for their work. Greg Markle remarked that the library is overpaying rent for the space currently. Greg Mickells replied that he is meeting with real estate staff next week. The current lease expires June 30, 2014 and that the Library Management Team recommends proceeding with expansion of the branch if there are successful lease negotiations for a more favorable rate.

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Karlen, to Approve the Meadowridge Branch Expansion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 -  
Karlen, Sanderson, Wallner, Widder

Abstain: 1 -  
Markle

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE**

Susan Lee announced that there are sub-committees meeting and a draft report is expected to be presented to the Library Board at the February meeting.

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

There was no report.

#### **UPDATE ON CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Mark Benno gave the report in Bryan Cooper's absence. The building is now approaching 60% completion and the project is transitioning from structural to finishing items. He advised that there will be amazing audio visual capacity and flexibility. A meeting is scheduled for next week to start post construction planning and everything is right on schedule. Several board members have toured the building. Tripp Widder communicated how impressed he was with the size of the new children's area which is almost 9000 square feet.

#### **FACILITIES REPORT**

Mark Benno advised that he has received maps from the City Planning Division related to site planning. He will be setting up publicly noticed meetings for board members to attend and examine the maps in detail. The location is anticipated to be at the Pennsylvania Ave. maintenance facility.

#### **FRIENDS REPORT**

There was no report.

#### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Tripp Widder reported that there is \$1.9 million left to raise for the central campaign. He also stated that he believes the Foundation will have some involvement with the Meadowridge expansion.

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY REPORT**

There was no report.

**DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT**

There was no report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Markle to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Many thanks to Jane Roughen who provided refreshments.