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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Thursday, July 11, 2013

4:30 PM

Pinney Branch  
204 Cottage Grove Rd.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 -

Larry Palm; Nancy L. Kieraldo; Tracy K. Kuczenski; Rissel Sanderson;  
David L. Wallner; Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

**Excused:** 2 -

Barbara J. Karlen and Sheri Carter

**Also Present:** Tom Campbell, Deb Lehnher, Mark Benno, Jacky DaWalt, Sarah Lawton, Ald. David Ahrens, Greg Mickells, Michael Spelman, Marc Gartler, Ald. Denise DeMarb, Jeff Rosenberg, Susan Lee, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Tana Elias, Ald. Joe Clausius, Sally Miley, Ald. Lauren Cnare, Barbara Davis, Ann Munkres, BJ Obermeyer, Dave de Felice, Lorraine Barniskis, Sue Pastor, Kathryn Soukup

Tripp Widder called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President Tripp Widder received Registration Statements from those in attendance wishing to speak on item # 8. The Board will hear their comments at that point in the agenda.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Greg Markle disclosed that he is a member of the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association and a member of the Friends of Pinney Branch Library.

### BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

There was none.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[30852](#) July 2013 Library Director's Report

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

#### APPROVAL OF MAY 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

[30853](#) May 2013 Financial Statements

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

#### REVIEW OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Tripp Widder began the discussion by explaining the responsibilities of the Library Board. The Board consists of members appointed by the Mayor and is tasked with managing scarce resources and competing for municipal dollars. One tool used is the Capital Improvement Plan. Greg Mickells explained the objective measurement system used for siting libraries:

- 1) The accessibility of the site from a variety of modes of transportation.
- 2) The visibility of the site to the public.
- 3) The ability of collaboration with economic development and education enhancements.
- 4) Demographic patterns.
- 5) Relationship to other Dane County libraries.
- 6) Physical suitability of the site.

Mickells explained that there is a balance required between opportunities and resources which consist of capital resources and resources to fund operating expenses. Madison Public Library's current priority is relocating Pinney Branch Library.

The Library Board is being asked to approve an amended Capital Improvement Plan tonight. The modifications include an addition of \$ 400,000 being allocated in 2014 to Meadowridge Branch to fund furniture, fixtures and equipment in the remodeled space and an addition of \$ 315,000 in 2017 for design and programming fees for a future Grandview Commons branch and \$ 3,585,000 in 2018 for the construction of a 10,000 square foot building in Grandview Commons.

Tripp Widder called upon the registered speakers.

Jacky DaWalt is President of the Lake Edge Neighborhood Association and voiced her support for relocating Pinney Branch to Royster Corners.

Ald. David Ahrens spoke in support of the Capital Improvement Plan. Ahrens has observed that Pinney computers and meeting room are in high demand and the branch needs more space. The space available in Royster Corners is the future of the neighborhood and the cornerstore would be a new Pinney library.

Ann Munkres lives in the Lake Edge neighborhood and spoke of her support of Pinney relocating to Royster Corners.

BJ Obermeyer is a representative of the Lake Edge Neighborhood Association and spoke in support of the relocation and expansion of Pinney to Royster Corners.

Kathryn Soukup is President of the Eastmorland Neighborhood Association and supports the relocation of Pinney to Royster Corners.

Dave de Felice, Dane County Supervisor, spoke of the tremendous population growth east of the interstate which includes a lot of children and families. de Felice would like to see both a relocated Pinney Branch and a Grandview Commons branch. He

suggested a middle ground for the budget by using currently empty office space at Grandview Commons for a library.

Ald. Joe Clausius represents the northeast part of Madison which includes the American Center and the East Towne area where there is no branch library. Clausius supports the relocation of Pinney but believes the City Council will not support both a relocated Pinney Branch and an additional Grandview Commons branch. Clausius has identified an available site on Thierer Rd. near East Towne which he would like the library staff to evaluate for a future branch library in his district. He reminded the board that they are planning tonight for the entire city.

Ald. Lauren Cnare supports both a relocation of Pinney to Royster Corners and the addition of a Grandview Commons branch. Cnare stated that the interstate is a barrier to the 41,000+ people that will live in the Grandview area and stated that a traditional library is a civic institution of a neighborhood.

Ald. Denise DeMarb stated she is really excited about the possibility of Pinney relocating to Royster Corners and believes there are a lot of areas on the east side that don't have proper services. She wants the Library Board to think bigger when talking several years out and not to limit future branches.

Barbara Davis is a resident of the Grandview Commons neighborhood and a member of the McClellan Park Neighborhood Association. Davis supports both a relocated Pinney and a Grandview Commons library branch. Davis is a teacher and her job includes advocating for kids. Davis stated that children who are unable to walk or ride their bikes to a branch library face technology discrimination which creates a wider achievement gap.

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Review of Capital Improvement Program

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Kuczenski, to Approve with Amendment(s). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### UPDATE ON IMPACT FEES

Susan Lee and Deb Lehnherr met with staff from the City Finance and Parks Dept. agencies. The Parks Dept. shared a lot of information regarding their collection and use of impact fees. Susan is preparing a written report on the information she has gathered. This will be an agenda item at the August 1st board meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF STATUTORY RESOURCE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2014

[30774](#)

Statutory Resource Services Agreement for 2014

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

#### **APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2014**

[30775](#)            Supplementary Services Agreement for 2014

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

#### **APPROVAL OF CATALOG SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2014**

[30776](#)            Agreement for Cataloging Services for 2014

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

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

Greg Mickells advised that the Library Management Team had discussed scheduling an all day staff retreat on Thursday, September 5th. This would require closing all branches on that day. The retreat would be held at Central. The primary purpose is to bring staff together for team building and to share ideas. Additionally, it is important for staff to learn about the services and amenities at the new Central library prior to the grand opening on September 21st. The Board was supportive and encouraging of the idea. The Library Board would still meet that day for their regularly scheduled meeting. Greg also advised that they would be welcome at the staff retreat.

Tana Elias reported that there was a B-Cycle station installed at Central on July 9th and the first rider used the Central Library station within an hour after installation.

Mark Benno gave an update on Central in Bryan Cooper's absence. Mark reported that the City took possession of the building from Findorff on July 1st and have entered an intense punch list phase of the project. There is an issue with the main staircase treads due to chipping and cracking that is unacceptable. Staff is meeting with Findorff and the contractor regarding repairs. Mark also reported that most of the staff from S. Hamilton will move to the new building the end of July and early August.

#### **FACILITIES REPORT**

There was no report.

#### **FRIENDS REPORT**

Greg Markle announced that the Pinney Friends have placed a cart at the circulation desk for an ongoing book sale.

#### FOUNDATION REPORT

Tripp Widder reported that the fundraising for Central has generated lots of interest and activities are continuing. Currently the campaign has raised 7.8 million of the \$ 9 million goal.

#### 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 Kuczenski, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.