



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Thursday, June 13, 2013

4:30 PM

Meadowood Shopping Center  
5740 Raymond Rd.  
Former Ace Hardware

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 -  
Barbara J. Karlen; Sheri Carter; Rissel Sanderson; David L. Wallner;  
Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle
- Absent:** 1 -  
Nancy L. Kieraldo
- Excused:** 2 -  
Larry Palm and Tracy K. Kuczenski

**Also Present:** Greg Mickells, Bryan Cooper, Deb Lehnherr, Tom Campbell, Susan Lee, Alice Oakey, Mark Benno, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Carol Froistad, Michael Spelman, Tana Elias, Marc Gartler, Trent Miller, Ald. Lauren Cnare, Ryan Jennissen, Jacky DaWalt, Kathy Soukup

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There was none.

### BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

There was none.

### ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[30447](#) June 2013 Library Director's Report

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

Greg Mickells announced an addition to his report concerning teen employment. He had requested 22 positions for teen employment at the library this summer following a proposal by the Mayor's office to make additional money available for this purpose using dollars saved from decreased overtime costs at the Mifflin St. block party. Unfortunately this was voted down by the Common Council. Greg Markle asked about the objections to such a great program. Ald. Cnare explained that there was support by alders for the project itself but the votes were against the process used and not teen employment. Ald. Cnare advised that there is a movement for another process being co-sponsored by 4 alders to make money available through an emerging opportunities fund.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

[30520](#) April 2013 Financial Statements

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

**Nancy Kieraldo arrived at 5:19 p.m.**

- Present:** 7 -  
Nancy L. Kieraldo; Barbara J. Karlen; Sheri Carter; Rissel Sanderson;  
David L. Wallner; Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle
- Excused:** 2 -  
Larry Palm and Tracy K. Kuczenski

**APPROVAL OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET**

[30477](#) Capital Improvement Program Worksheet

At this point in the meeting Tripp Widder invited the registrants to speak.

Ald. Lauren Cnare advised the board that she was notified about the Grandview Commons branch by a phone call from Greg Mickells last night. Cnare supports the relocation of Pinney Branch which also serves her constituents but also spoke in favor of a Grandview Commons branch library. Cnare stated that MPL already has the land and \$ 250,000 in seed money and that a new branch library in this area is a keystone piece for development of this neighborhood. It would also be the only City of Madison owned building east of the interstate. Cnare requested that the board consider 3 options: To defer the decision on the Capital Improvement Program to a future meeting that would allow Grandview citizens to attend the meeting; to strongly consider extending the agreement with Veridian to hang onto the piece of land and take the seed money for another 5 years which she stated the developer is interested in doing; lastly to keep the Grandview Commons branch in the budget for 2015 by ignoring the directive to cut 10% and she would deal with the Mayor.

Kathy Soukup, President of the Eastmorland Community Association, spoke in favor of relocating Pinney Branch. Soukup has received numerous phone calls, e-mails and letters from neighbors that really want Pinney in the Royster Clark area. Soukup mentioned that there is a projected 35,000 patrons of Pinney Branch by 2015 and that the current location is in a rain flood plain.

Jacky DaWalt, President of the Lake Edge Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of relocating Pinney Branch to the Royster Clark property. DaWalt stated the greatest number of residents can be served by this relocation and that a positive is the location across the street from the East YMCA. DaWalt feels the Royster Clark location would boost a neighborhood that needs city resources.

Ryan Jennissen, former President of the Sprecher East Neighborhood Association, introduced himself as an advocate for the Grandview Commons library branch. Jennissen stated his family uses Pinney Branch regularly but it is a long 4 mile drive to this branch and kids from the neighborhood can't ride their bikes there. He believes a Grandview Commons branch would serve as a resource for parents and children in the neighborhood as well as their community center. Jennissen requested that the board push this decision off for another month.

Tripp Widder mentioned that the board has also received e-mails echoing the comments of all the speakers.

Greg Mickells presented the Capital Improvement Program and 2014 Capital budget to the board. Mickells began by informing the board the Mayor had presented a directive to all departments to reduce their capital budget by 10% in 2014. An immediate need identified by MPL staff is the relocation of Pinney. Staff feels this is a necessary priority on a number of counts. The branch has rented for almost 60 years; it is a great location and service area and we should have ownership. The condition of the rental building is poor and there are flooding issues with heavy rains. The current branch is only 11,200 square feet and 20,000 is needed to adequately service the area. A larger facility on one level can utilize the same staffing level and not create

a tremendous increase in operating costs. Mickells stated that various people from the community have asked him about building both Pinney and Grandview Commons and he believes that supporting an existing library such as Pinney and adding another branch is not fiscally possible. This Capital Improvement Program presentation offers a sustainable model for the library's organization by looking at replacements rather than expansion.

Wallner commented that Cnare raises a valid point in the timing of the presentation which did not allow enough time for neighborhood response. Additionally, Wallner feels Grandview Commons has more validity than relocating Hawthorne. Markle inquired about the parking issues with McDonalds located in front of Hawthorne. Benno replied that there have been close calls and there are visual barriers that detract from the parking experience.

Widder asked for a motion to keep the priorities listed in the Capital Improvement Program but to put Grandview Commons back for 2018. Widder also advised that he feels it is important the board has an extended discussion with the neighborhood. He suggested that we list the Capital Improvement Program as an agenda item for the July 11th meeting and hold that meeting at Pinney Branch for the convenience of the neighborhood residents. Karlen added that she feels that area deserves more time from the board.

A motion was made by Markle, seconded by Wallner, to approve the Capital Improvement Program and 2014 Capital Budget with the pending addition of Grandview Commons in 2018. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### Update on Impact Fees

[30525](#) Report on Impact Fees

Susan Lee prepared and researched the report. The most helpful document she found was from Sacramento totaling over 120 pages. Widder asked who would assemble a public facilities needs assessment for MPL? Mickells answered a combination of library staff, library board, legal staff and perhaps a consultant. Markle questioned the amount of dollars involved. The board instructed Mickells to research what the pot of money would be city wide and report back with impact fees as an agenda item at the July meeting.

#### REVIEW OF AMENDMENT TO DANE COUNTY STANDARDS

[30526](#) Amendment to Dane County Standards

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

#### REVIEW OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON LOST AND ABANDONED PROPERTY

[30505](#)

Proposed Charter Ordinance on Lost or Abandoned Property

The Library Board reviewed the proposed ordinance. A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Karlen, to support the ordinance. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**UPDATE ON CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Bryan Cooper provided an update on milestones completed in the month of May. Highlights include the completion of the below grade storm water management system installed along Fairchild. This is the first installation of its kind in Wisconsin. The B-cycle installation is scheduled for July 8th. All City of Madison building inspections are taking place and the Certificate of Occupancy is scheduled for tomorrow. Findorff is expected to leave the building by June 28th.

**FACILITIES REPORT**

[30476](#)

Facility Cost Reports

Mark Benno explained that this new report will be provided to the Library Board every June. He gave an overview of the report and explained that the goal is to have the Facility Cost to Operate score under \$ 6.00. Widder remarked that he appreciates this report as a tool for planning.

**FRIENDS REPORT**

Barb Karlen reported that the Friends of Lakeview Branch are holding a book sale this Saturday. They are also planning a September 50th anniversary celebration.

**FOUNDATION REPORT**

Tripp Widder announced that the final numbers for Lunch for Libraries are not quite complete but it is anticipated to raise close to \$ 20,000 with all proceeds benefiting the Book Festival and that fundraising continues for Central.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY REPORT**

Shari Carter reported that changes have been made to the bylaws so that attendance can now be done by video. Also, two members were sent to the National Legislative Day in Washington D.C. Carter also shared an interesting fact discussed at the last meeting; 79% of all Columbia County residents have library cards.

**DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT**

There was no report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.