

Library Director Report October 2016

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

The City's real estate office is preparing a letter of intent and term sheet for the Pinney project. We are contracting the services of Mohs, MacDonald, Widder, Paradise & Van Note to review our project documents.

Krissy and I met with Alder Baldeh along with a group of other city agencies and NE neighborhood advocates to discuss services to his district. The MPL plan to add another library was discussed and there was also a request to provide interim services until a new library could be built. We are following up with some service options.

LIBRARY BUDGET

We have now presented to the BOE on both the CIP and Capital budgets. Both remain in good shape as we approach the final determination in early November. There is a final BOE on Oct 24 to address amendments but there have been no amendments to the Library's budget filed prior to my report.

ULC ANNUAL FORUM

Krissy and I traveled to Kansas City for a 3 day leadership forum composed of Urban Library Council members. The theme was "Getting to the Evidence" which had a focus on data collection and outcomes. This was a very beneficial learning experience since the forum is relatively small, around 250 attendees, and the agenda includes significant time to share best practices with each other. We both took away some great ideas and made some valuable contacts.

CITY OF MADISON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This was the 3rd Annual Leadership Conference organized by the City. Central Library was the host site for the program. I presented with Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk, on our collaboration to provide early voting at our libraries.

EARLY VOTING AT THE LIBRARY UPDATE

The City Clerk recently informed me that Sequoya Library is now the number one voting location in the City, having processed more ballots than even the City Clerk's office. All of our libraries have seen an increase in the number of visitors due to us providing this service. The City Clerk is predicting record early voting numbers thanks to the expanded opportunities to people. Many of the voters are sharing their appreciation that we were able to offer this service.

LIBRARY BOARD

So far I have interviewed 5 candidates to fill vacancies on the Library Board and made my recommendations to the Mayor's office. As I was preparing this report Alyssa Kenney was on the CC agenda to be appointed to the LB.

MAYOR'S MANAGEMENT RETREAT

The Department and Division heads from across the city will gather to participate in a strategic planning exercise to develop strategic goals for the city. I have been asked to facilitate one of the discussion groups that will focus on the Social identity of the city. There is an expectation for the retreat to produce a set of goals for the city which will be refined by work groups based on the various subject areas.

VACATION

I will be taking a vacation from Oct 25-31. I will be traveling to Boston and Maine. While in Maine I will be touring the maker operations of Nate Davis who presented with Trent and I at the NEXT conference.

Business Meetings

Meeting with MPL Foundation Strategic Planning group
Meeting with Jocelyne Sansing, new director of Middleton PL
Absentee Voting Training
Pinney Agreement Review

City Business

Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
Common Council
Board of Estimates to defend Operating Budget
Mayor's Retreat planning meeting
Mayor's Management Team
Mayor's Human Services workgroup
Budget Check-in meeting
Affirmative Action Discrimination Investigation, appointed by the Mayor to review a discrimination case
Meeting with Mayor Soglin and RDC
Mayor's Retreat

Public/Media Appearance

Meadowridge Community Dinner
Mayor's Neighborhood Conference
Harvest Celebration at Lussier Center
Alder Baldeh's District 17 Meeting
Wisconsin Book Festival (numerous events)