

Library Director Report November 2016

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

The City's real estate office has delivered a letter of intent and term sheet for the Pinney project. There is a final decision on the TIF ask expected by the end of November. There continue to be delays due to the department moving from MMB. I am assuming that RDC is not responding to the LOI until they have a final decision on the TIF proposal.

There was an amendment to the Capital Budget to include the Lake Edge and East Moorland neighborhoods in the Pinney Library funding document in case the Royster site does not work out. Consequence of this amendment would be that if the Royster site does not work out than the amendment would limit us to find an alternative site to those neighborhoods. I had opposed the amendment based on this limitation but it passed 12-8.

Krissy and I will meet with Alder DeMarb to discuss providing library services to Owl Creek. Owl Creek is a very isolated area in the city and access to library services has many barriers. This conversation is to find some acceptable and sustainable ways to deliver services.

LIBRARY BUDGET

The 2017 City of Madison budget has been passed. With the exception of the amendment mentioned earlier we experienced no changes from the Mayor's Executive Budget proposal. The good news is that we will not have to eliminate our present Sunday hours and we will not lose any of our hourly positions. In addition there were some adjustments to provide for personnel costs, so our overall budget saw a 3.6% increase over 2016. (As far as we can tell at this point) Bottom-line, we keep moving in the right direction.

DIRECTOR VISITS

I have just started my annual "world tour" to meet with all staff at their locations. I have already had some good visits and I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to learn directly from staff about their ideas and concerns. I also want them to know how valued they are by the community and how their dedication and hard work really do make a difference. I also get to hear about some of the wonderful ways they are engaged with our public.

EARLY VOTING AT THE LIBRARY

I had hoped to have some final numbers to share about how many individuals came to a MPL library to early vote. One thing I can say with confidence was that---IT WAS A LOT! Hats off to the City Clerk for giving us this opportunity and for all of their support. And the MPL staff were real rock stars to take this extra level of engagement on and do so with tremendous success.

CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT

We talk a lot about engaging the public but very little about the other aspects of our community including the corporate element in Madison, but we are also making some in-roads in that regard. I recently met with representatives from Demco, FiveNines, and SupraNet to discuss their operations and to see how the Library can be of service to them. (This is not just about the companies doing something for us.) In addition some of our staff are also building relationships with many of the companies around Madison.

MUNICIPAL

As city employees move out of the Municipal Building, we were contacted to help organize a family art event to take place in the empty building prior to the renovation. Not quite a “bookless” since there is no major demolition but a softer gentler event. Trent Miller has been leading the recruitment of artists and performers. Entitled MUNICIPAL, it will take place December 10, 2016, from 10am-6pm.

Business Meetings

Meeting with Alder Baldeh regarding services to District 17
Meeting with Goodman South Madison staff
Meeting with Pinney staff
Meeting with Demco Marketing group
Committee Meeting with the UW Advancement Board
Budget Check-in meeting
Meeting with Margaret Sullivan Studio in regard to a strategic study for Boulder PL (CO)
RESJI Strategic planning committee
Meeting with Bryan Chan, CEO SupraNet
Alder DeMarb meeting
Book Festival Steering Committee

City Business

Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
Committee on Employee Relations
Common Council for Finalizing the Budget
Mayor’s Management Team
Mayor’s Human Services workgroup
Meeting with City Legal on our new Liquor License holder
Affirmative Action Discrimination Investigation, appointed by the mayor to review a discrimination case
Joint dept. meeting with Mayor on ACA signups
Board of Estimates

Public/Media Appearance

ExLibris, MPL Foundation annual event
InBusiness Awards program that honored Jenni Collins
DMI event with tour of the 316 Building (former AT&T building behind Central Library)
WSJ article, Nov 14, 2016, On Retail. I was quoted regarding the West Place development at Gammon and Mineral Point. Although I was identified as the Library Director they did explain my attendance was based on the project being in my neighborhood. http://host.madison.com/business/on-retail-copps-disappearing-from-wisconsin-grocery-landscape/article_7753b6c4-f16f-51a1-8fb5-c5a5c382bfb6.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share
Kiwanis presentation on Envisioning the Library of Today
MPL Giving Tuesday event at Harmony

Missed in my October report: I was interviewed by Eve Galanter on her program District Report on the Madison City Channel

District Reports: [Reading Ahead: Future Plans for Madison Public Libraries](#) 