

Library Director Report

June 2017

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

Pinney Project: The Common Council has given their approval to proceed with our purchase agreement with RDC at Royster Corners. In the meantime we will begin our introductory meetings with OPN and hopefully get an easement agreement for a test bore for the geo-thermo field. I was very pleased to see the CC's support of the TIF allocation for the Royster Corners development. It was indirectly a show of support for the library but also for the one of the reasons we selected this site to create a base for our delivery of services on the eastside, it will be a tremendous community center in this area of the city.

2017 BUDGET

We have started our discussions with the Mayor in regard to our CIP plans. He has shown strong support for our Reindahl Park Library proposal. As of this writing we are preparing our response for the operating budget.

MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY AT ALA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

I do not have a final headcount but we had several MPL staff attend the ALA conference in Chicago. It was the first time for many of them to attend this level of conference. We also had a strong presence presenting about our programs and services to standing room only audiences. Our Library Takeover presentation was featured in American Libraries magazine, <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/madisons-library-takeover/>

PRENATAL TO FIVE SUMMIT

MPL staff and I were among over 300 educators and caregivers in attendance at this Summit focused on the importance of support to children from prenatal to five, including early literacy. We were part of the shareholders discussion about what we could be doing better in this area and how we might better coordinate how we address the challenges of equity in improving our present conditions.

ROTARY EVENTS

Central Library was host to two Downtown Rotary events during June. The first was a guided tour of Central Library to a group of visiting Rotarians from India. They were very impressed by our facility, our services, our access to computers, and SO MANY BOOKS!! Once a year the Downtown Rotary has a vocational day where Rotaries will visit other member's places to learn about their operations. This was the second year that MPL was a host to one of the events. 18 Rotarians attended the presentation from MPL staff about some of our innovative programs and service and why those achievements were rewarded with a National Medal.

PORCHLIGHT STRATEGIC PLANNING

I was invited to participate in Porchlight's strategic planning session to provide a community perspective to their operations, and as a user of their services. It was an informative day to learn more about Porchlight's operations but also to become better acquainted with the overall service needs in our community for individuals in need.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

I continue to stress the importance of community engagement and creating strategic relationships with community members. This month I had meetings with Dr. Floyd Rose, of 100 Black Men, Oscar Mireles, director of the Omega School and Madison's poet laureate, and Sabrina Madison, aka Heymiss Progress. The meetings will create opportunities for MPL to expand our services and to better reach underserved populations with our programs and services.

Business Meetings

- Meet with Alder Ahrens regarding the Pinney project
- Wisconsin Book Festival Steering Committee
- Meeting with Sabrina Madison
- Meeting with RDC about Pinney project
- Meeting with RDC and City staff on the Pinney LOI
- Reindahl Park Library planning session
- Pinney Project review
- Results Madison planning meeting
- Capital Budget review
- Meeting with Dr. Floyd Rose from 100 Black Men to discuss collaborative projects
- Meeting with Bryan Cooper on Pinney pre-design
- Telestaff review
- Site visits for possible art connection projects
- Meeting with Becky Steinhoff, Director of Goodman Community Center
- Meeting with MPLF director regarding Venture Fund project
- Meeting with Oscar Mireles
- Introductions to Fullmore interns
- Meeting with IDEO representative

City Business

- Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
- Mayor's Guidance Team
- Mayor's Strategic Management Team
- Long Range Facilities Planning
- Mayor's Management Team
- Mayor's Human Services Committee
- RESJI Strategic Planning committee
- Mayor's Strategic Management Team
- Municipal ID Committee
- CIP presentation to the Mayor
- Budget Review meeting
- Guidance Team recognition program
- Common Council
- Finance Committee

Public/Media Appearance

- Wisconsin Book Festival – Scott Turow
- Prenatal to Five Summit at UW-Madison
- Tour of Central Library to visiting Rotarians from India
- In Business Magazine networking reception
- Madison Night Market
- Wisconsin Book Festival- Jerry Butting
- Badger Rock Neighborhood Center Tour
- Rock & Read MPLF Fundraiser
- Forward Film at Central Library