

Director's Report to Library Board June 2013

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

The taskforce met and scored three of the existing development proposals in front of the library. In addition to the task force, Library Board member Greg Markel and former Library Board member Ann Falconer scored the sites. In addition to myself, city staffers Don Marx and Jeanine Zwart also scored the sites. We will report on these at the board meeting in relation to a proposed CIP.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

After review of our financial reports included in your board packet I do not have any major concerns.

BOOK FESTIVAL

Conor attended the Book Expo America. This conference is one of the largest annual gatherings of publishers and authors where their new materials are introduced. It has allowed Conor to meet directly with several parties to discuss their availability for the festival.

INVITATION TO DIRECTOR

I have been invited to join the Mayor's Management Team. This group meets in addition to the regular Department/Division Head meetings in the morning before Common Council meetings.

MEADOWRIDGE EXPANSION

Engberg and Anderson (EA) have started the design process for the expanded and shared spaces at Meadowood. We have had one public meeting and despite poor weather it was well attended. EA has started to sketch some of the concepts and will have it ready for the next public meeting on June 6th.

CENTRAL LIBRARY SPECIAL NOTES

- I visited Demco and was able to determine our video display needs for Central. That order is being finalized and will be submitted soon. The majority of the new video displays will have touch screen capability.
- A variety of tours have been going through central lately including staff from other libraries.
- RFP for Caterer services has been posted. Pre-bid meeting is June 12th.

MAY SCHEDULE

Business Meetings:

- Met with Alders to discuss library site selection process.
- Attended video display demo at DEMCO Headquarters
- Two Meadowridge programming meetings
- Meadowridge Public Input Meeting
- Living Wages Meeting with City HR
- New Supervisor Training, Harassment Training
- Meeting with Hovde Development
- Meeting with Ruedebusch Development
- Meeting with Orange Boy on developing a dashboard for library stats

- Meeting with Library Directors from Verona and Middleton
- Go Big Read program planning meeting
- Book Festival update meeting
- Liquor licensing discussion with city legal staff

Central Library

- Seven library tours with staff and project donors. Recent tours included Alders, Isthmus reporter, library staff from Columbus, Middleton and Verona
- Meeting to review the current status of the project
- Bubler project meeting on technology.

City Business:

- Department Head meeting with the Mayor
- Two Common Council meetings
- Neighborhood Resource Team Retreat
- Meeting with Mayor Aide, Sally Miley
- Two public input meetings on the City Budget process
- Meeting with Dave Gawenda, City of Madison Treasurer regarding the Library's Trust Fund

Public/Media Appearances:

- Central Library Presentation to the BID Board
- Keynote to the Beta Phi Mu Annual Induction Ceremony, title of presentation "The Changing Environment of the Public Library: From Coordination to Collaboration"
- Meadowood Neighborhood Community Dinner
- Central Library Tour with Joe Tarr, Isthmus reporter.