

Director's Report to Library Board August 2013

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

A modification to 2014 CIP was approved by the board with the major change being the reintroduction of the Grandview Commons project with a smaller footprint. I also met with Alder Clausius to present our siting instrument and to discuss possible sites for the northeast side of Madison. In addition I met with Alder Ahrens to discuss the Pinney relocation and with Alder Cnare to brief her on our change to the Grandview Commons project.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

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

ULC 2013 INNOVATIONS INITIATIVE

Tana Elias prepared an excellent proposal to enter our Bubbler project for consideration by the Urban Library Council. It was a very tough competition and although we were not awarded any of the top spots our program was well received and praised.

MORE BUBBLER NEWS

MPL was notified by the National Endowment of the Arts that we will be receiving one of their Our Town grants. The \$25,000 award will be matched by the MPL Foundation providing us with an additional \$50,000 to provide Bubbler programming.

BOOK FESTIVAL

The program is almost complete and a website will be going up soon detailing the new Wisconsin Book Festival plans. Conor has been meeting with David Maraniss to be part of a program with Jonathan Alter. Alter's new book, The Center Holds is about Obama's use of technology. Alter has already confirmed. This should make for another very popular event at the festival.

SPECIAL SURPRISE

Lakeview Library was the site of a surprise "flash mob" created by the Packer Community Center to honor the library's work with the center on promoting reading during the summer. MPL is preparing a video to put on its website and the Northside News will be running an article with photos of the event. Northside News is also planning to report on Lakeview's 50th anniversary program.

DR CHEATHAM

I gave a tour of new central to Dr. Jen Cheatham, the new superintendent of MMSD. Afterwards, library staff and I had a chance to visit with her about possible partnerships and collaborative projects.

LIBRARY BOARD TOUR OF BRANCHES

I accompanied Nancy Kieraldo and Rissel Sanderson on a tour of our branch libraries. (We almost made it to every branch in one afternoon) I wanted our newest board members to have the opportunity to see all of our operations from the front and the back of the house.

MEADOWRIDGE EXPANSION

In a meeting with the Mayor, additional funding for the expansion project was approved allowing us to fully realize the vision of the library and the community for this newly developed space. Engberg and Anderson (EA) has been approved by the Board of Public Works to extend their work on the project and to begin development of construction documents. This will still require Common Council approval.

CENTRAL LIBRARY SPECIAL NOTES

- The RFPs for caterer have been received and reviewed. We will be working with Purchasing to begin negotiations with the selected vendors. We did receive proposals for both the main catering function and for the café area.
- I met with WYOU a local public access station to discuss the central library as a possible host for their operations. They were also interested in having our local history room archive some of their catalog of programs.
- A number of social services agencies, organized by the United Way, met at the new central library to discuss delivery of services to individuals in need. The group also received a tour of the facility.
- Art work installation taking place on the first floor opposite the Friend's Bookstore.

JULY SCHEDULE

Business Meetings:

- Meeting with Murfie to discuss library publication of local music
- Meeting with Alder Ahrens about Pinney relocation.
- Meeting with Grandview Commons developer and Alder Cnare about the projects position on the CIP.
- Lakeview flash mob.
- Meadowridge Public Input Meeting
- Review of Caterer RFPs
- Review of Food Policy with board president.
- Tour of possible library sites in NE Madison.
- Met with Pinney Friend's group along with Alder Ahrens.
- Met with Alder Clausius regarding NE library sites and plans for the CIP.
- Review of Meeting Room policy and fee structure.
- Book Festival steering committee.
- Dane County Library Directors meeting.
- Webinar on E-Badges.
- Meeting with United Way group of social service providers.
- Meeting with WYOU.
- Met with Friends of Central Library to discuss book store operations at the new central.
- Meeting with Simpson Street Free Press.

Central Library

- Meeting with Bryan Cooper to review punchlist
- Nine tours. Tour highlights this month included Downtown Rotary, Dr. Cheatham from MMSD, and Madison Community Foundation.

City Business:

- Department Head meeting with the Mayor
- Common Council meeting (lasted forever)
- Board of Estimates Meeting
- Board of Public Works (extend Engberg and Anderson contract)
- Two Mayor's Management Team meetings
- Budget Discussion meeting
- Long-Range Facilities Planning Meeting
- CIP review for 2014.
- Meeting with Mayor regarding Meadowridge project to seek additional funding.
- Conference call with CEO of Hythane, an alternative fuel company, to retrieve information for Fleet and Metro
- Met with City IT and City Legal to discuss city archiving and records retention policies.
- Budget discussion with Mayor's aide and City Finance.

Public/Media Appearances:

- Downtown Rotary luncheon presentation. Followed by tour to the group.
- Meeting with Madison Original Magazine which is planning to develop a series about the new Central Library
- Reception for Maia McNamara retirement at Pinney.
- Interview with WSJ on the new library to be accompanied with a photo shoot
- Meadowood Meet and Eat
- Lakeview's Flash Mob
- DMI Breakfast