

Library Director Report August 2016

LIBRARY SITING AND ALLOCATION

The City has informed RDC that they will be denying their TIF request. We are still planning to move forward with a purchase agreement and hoping to reopen our RFP for design work.

OPN is working on construction documents for Badger so we can issue a RFP for a contractor.

COMMUNITIES INSPIRING LIBRARIES

We have issued an official resolution sponsored by Alders McKinney and Palm for the Common Council's acceptance of the Communities Inspiring Libraries strategic plan.

IMPACT FEE STUDY

I met with Eric Knepp to get his input on impact fees and the work that the parks have done so far. He shared the Park Dept's recent Needs Assessment study. We are currently putting together a team to study our options for the Library.

CATERERS

It is a difficult job but someone has to do it. Over the past month we have been interviewing and taste testing various caterers in order to develop a list of caterers that would offer more variety and options for the various events at Central. We now have in place a process that if we need to bring in a caterer for a special event we do can so with a permit process. Even with this permit process being available we wanted to vet potential caterers so it would not be open to just anyone. We are hoping to develop a list that will be accountable, source their food locally when possible, and show compatible values that the library would share on the delivery of service.

IFLA-WLIC

I attended the International Federation of Libraries Association's World Library and Information Congress in Columbus, OH. This was the first gathering of this conference in the United States since 2003 in Boston. So it did present an unique opportunity to attend this conference with representation from 145 countries in attendance. The programs presented from various countries provided a different perspective on the delivery of library services depending on the scale or the organization of the programs. There are many more opportunities in smaller countries to have a national approach to some services as opposed to just a local approach.

I did meet up with Marie Ostergard, a librarian from Aarhus, Denmark that I met at the NEXT Conference. They also had one of their staff visit Madison. Dokk1, the library that Marie is from ended up winning Library of the Year honors. Since they were up for the award the mayor of Aarhus traveled to the conference with her. At a reception Marie made it a point that her mayor was able to meet with me since they were so

impressed with the work we are doing in Madison. I thought this said a lot about what we are accomplishing at MPL.

STAFF DAY

Reminder to all Library Board members that our annual staff day will be on SEPTEMBER 15 beginning at 8am and lasting until 4pm. I would encourage each of you to stop by if you can. It does mean a lot to staff to see the Board support their efforts by being there.

Business Meetings

Meeting with Eric Knepp on Impact Fees
Various caterer review sessions
Meeting with HR on Staff coaching
Badger Building budget review
Meeting with Enis Ragland
Telestaff meeting
Pinney TIF discussion
Meeting with Rabble CEO
Meeting on Pinney Project with City
Impact Fee team meeting
ULC Webinar
Finalize Caterer list

City Business

Dept/Division Head Meeting with Mayor
Mayor's Management Team
Mayor's Human Services workgroup
Early Voting meeting
3.5 APM case review

Public/Media Appearance

Various Forward Fest Events and Workshops
Greeting at the Doyenne Group 5x5x5 event
WestFest