

**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday January 26, 2016
Tippecanoe Library
3912 S. Howell Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207**

PRESENT: JoAnne Anton, Michele Bria, Sharon Cook, John Gurda, Joe' Mar Hooper,
Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden, Paula Kiely

EXCUSED: Ald. Milele Coggs, Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, Joan Prince, Dir. Mark Sain

STAFF: Ryan Daniels, Christopher Gawronski, Joan Johnson, Dawn Lauber, Jennifer Meyer, Mary Milinkovich, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Judy Pinger, Crystal Sura, Arvis Williams

OTHERS Amy Hefter; Legislative Reference Bureau

PRESENT: Ald. Terry Witkowski; Common Council
Mary Schanning; City Attorney's Office
Melissa Goins, Kevin Newell, Terrell Walter, Danielle Bergner; Maures
Development / Royal Capital Group

President John Gurda called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:45 p.m. on January 26, 2016 with a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

Alderman Terry Witkowski welcomed the Board to the 13th district, Milwaukee's Garden District, giving an overview of the community.

President Gurda introduced Tippecanoe Branch Manager Christopher Gawronski who welcomed the Board to the renovated Tippecanoe Branch. He stated that patrons are delighted to be back in the building which seems brand new. Notable improvements that will be seen in the spring include green landscaping with new trees and perennials, rain garden swales in the parking lot and along the south side of the library, a permeable parking lot surface to reduce storm water runoff and a secret garden. Highlighting the services, he mentioned that the branch is planning programming around the green ideas.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

1. **Recognition of Service.** President Gurda mentioned the resolution of appreciation for Human Resources Officer Consuelo Hernandez on the occasion of her retirement. The resolution was listed as attachment A on page 3 of the agenda. Informational item.

2. **Introduction.** Director Kiely introduced Ms. Arvis Williams, newly appointed as the library's Human Resources Officer. Informational item.

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3. **Introduction.** The library's newly appointed Assistant Library Director - Operations, Jennifer Meyer, was introduced to the Board. Informational item.
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CONSENT AGENDA

After asking the Board if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda presented as attachment B, page 4-46 of the agenda, President Gurda entertained a motion to approve. Trustee Sharon Cook moved and Trustee Joe' Mar Hooper seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 24, 2015
5. Committee Reports.
- a. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 9, 2015
 - b. Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes January 6, 2016
6. Administrative Reports.
- a. Personnel Actions
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Library Director's Reports
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REPORTS

7. **Building and Development Committee.** Committee Chair Michele Bria referred to the January 7, 2016 Building and Development Committee agenda and minutes, listed as attachment C, page 47 of the agenda. She highlighted the Tippecanoe reopening celebration that was held on December 12, 2015.

She reported that at the meeting, Ms. Melissa Goins representing Maures Development, presented a revised financial model to redevelop the Mill Road Branch at 7717 West Good Hope Road. Royal Capital has joined Maures Development as a new partner to the project, replacing Common Bond. After a closed session discussion, the committee requested that a special Building and Development committee meeting be scheduled for January 13, 2016 to hear a detailed presentation by Maures Development / Royal Capital. It was also suggested that the Mill Road Branch district alderman be made aware of the changes in the financing strategy for various building models and how the models would possibly affect the award of tax credits from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.

The committee also heard from Mr. Ted Matkom, the developer from Gorman and Company. He presented the current financial source of funds for the Forest Home / Mitchell Street Redevelopment Project. Informational item.

Trustee Bria then reported that the special Building and Development Committee meeting scheduled for January 13, 2016 lacked a quorum and was not held. However, discussion between the parties present ensued and included President John Gurda, Trustee Nik Kovac, Director Paula Kiely, Library Construction Manager. Sam McGovern-Rowen, Assistant City Attorney Mary Schanning and the developer.

After Trustee Bria completed her report and before convening in closed session, President Gurda asked Ms. Goins of Maures Development to introduce the new partner and to summarize the new strategy for financing. Ms. Goins distributed a document listing the Milwaukee Public Library / Mill Road Library summary update and development summary.

7. **Building and Development Committee.** (continued)

The updated financial structure was presented to the Board by Maures Development Group and Royal Capital. A letter from 9th District Alderman Robert Puente, dated January 26, 2016 was also distributed. The documents are attached at the end of these minutes. After a brief question and answer period, President Gurda stated his intention to convene in Executive Session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, for the purpose of discussion related to the mixed-use development that will house a new Milwaukee Public Library at 7717 West Good Hope Road. Trustee Sharon Cook moved, Trustee Joe'Mar Hooper seconded the motion. Roll was called and unanimously passed. Director Paula Kiely, Deputy Director Joan Johnson, Library Construction Project Manager Sam McGovern-Rowen, Assistant Library Director - Operations Jennifer Meyer, Administrative Assistant Crystal Sura, and Assistant City Attorney Mary Schanning remained during closed session. After discussion, the Board convened in open session on a motion by Trustee Sharon Cook, seconded by Trustee Joe'Mar Hooper. In open session, Board Vice President and Chair of the Building and Development Committee Michele Bria moved and Trustee Joe'Mar Hooper seconded the following motion: that the Milwaukee Public Library Board declare its intent to partner with Maures Development and Royal Capital to erect a mixed use building on 7717 West Good Hope subject to the developer securing financing and concluding a development agreement with MPL. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) Board.** Trustee Nik Kovac reported that at the last MCFLS Board meetings, the members agreed to commit to spending a small percentage of the MCFLS budget on a lobbyist on retainer for the good of all libraries in the state. At the meeting, the second quarterly update on the MCFLS Strategic Plan was reviewed by MCFLS Director Bruce Gay, noting that goals are generally on target. Director Gay also reported that all member libraries have signed the Member Agreement and the ILS, Resource Sharing & Technology Agreements. The Greenfield and West Allis libraries included a letter with their signed agreements. The Greenfield Board President requested that the MCFLS continue to increase communication between and among all system libraries. The West Allis Board President expressed disappointment in the numerous changes and resource shifting. Informational item.
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9. **MPL Foundation Update.** MPL Foundation Executive Director Ryan Daniels said that the Foundation's fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and the Foundation raised over \$1.83 million. The Foundation contributed \$1.1 million to MPL. The Foundation Board of Director's approved Director Daniels' recommendation to add another position to the Foundation team. Ms. Valerie Lorenz will be promoted to a new Director of Marketing Position and a new staff member, Ms. Kristine Petersen, will fill the position of Manager of Annual Campaign and Events. He added that the Foundation team has been investing time and energy to broadening the donor base and he is confident that the Foundation can repeat and retain, as well as, continue to grow the base to sustain the fundraising goals. Director

9. **MPL Foundation Update.** (continued)

Daniels said he has been working closely with Director Kiely on the Foundation's budget in terms of support of library programs. The budget will be approved in March.

It was announced that an MPL Foundation Board member has committed to a gift in 2016 to name the teen area at the Tippecanoe Branch.

There was a brief discussion on the Foundation's use of a webpage pop-up window for year-end support on the homepage of MPL.org. Metrics on the decision and outcomes will be provided at a future meeting. Informational item.

NEW BUSINESS

10. **Municipal I.D.** Deputy Director Joan Johnson reported that Alderman José Pérez has been leading a task force, and working in partnership, with the County Board and othersto develop a municipal identification card program. This card would be used at some institutions instead of state or federal government issued identification. The library was recently invited to participate on the task force and was asked for a list of parameters MPL that would need to allow the use of the card as a library card, or acceptable identification. Since the last meeting, a legislative proposal that would prevent Milwaukee County from implementing the program, has delayed any progress on further discussions. Informational item.
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With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of January 26, 2016 was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.
