

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – March 19, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Southeast Branch Library, 6242 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Claudia Oñate Greim

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Oliver Clark, Southeast Branch Manager
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Joel Jones, Director of Branch and Outreach Services
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Gabi Otto, Teen Associate
Eli Paul, Director of Missouri Valley Special Collections
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcus Cowley
Tahjaey Higgins
Kharin Nelson
Tom Platt
Lorraine Strader
Daveon Williams

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Motion by Mayta to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 regular Board meeting. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all "recorded" votes, the vote of the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of "approved unanimously" mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

At the request of J. Kemper, C. Kemper reported on the March 14, 2013 Building Oversight Committee meeting in the absence of the Committee Chair.

Mayta reported on the March 19, 2013 Finance and Audit Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the Library's tax levy for 2013 and a proposed change to the Library's whistleblower protection policy, which will be brought to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

Motion by Dorsey to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for February 2013: Payroll (02/21/13 net cash \$269,906 plus taxes \$102,081) and (03/07/13 net cash \$212,823 plus taxes \$86,048), total amount of \$670,854; General Expense Payments including Checks (#157472-157701), in the amount of \$633,892. (LBM 3826)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for February 2013. (LBM 3827)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Finance and Audit Committee to designate the Chief Executive to informally project the Library's nonbinding tax levy for tax year 2013 pursuant to the provisions of 137.243(1) RSMo (2010). (NOTE: As this action was recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee, no second was needed.) Approved unanimously. (LBM 3828)

Discussing the contract with OrangeBoy C. Kemper reported that the current contract is an extension of their work regarding the census of early literacy programs. (LBM 3829) The program census data would be overlaid with geographic and demographic information, facilitating communication and collaboration between groups providing these services in the metropolitan area. Funding would come out of the grant award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Building a Community of Readers initiative.

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to ratify the contract with and authorize the expenditure for OrangeBoy, Inc. to provide data collection and service mapping services not to exceed \$10,000. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3829)

Discussing the contract for electrical and computer networking installation J. Kemper requested that contract memos include some type of a summary of the bids considered for a contract. (LBM 3830) Staff will bring a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting regarding the format for reporting bid results.

Motion by Bell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to Contract with Wachter for Electrical and Computer Networking Installation for First Floor Renovations at the Central Library. Second by Dorsey. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3830)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to Contract with Automated Control Systems Corporation for the replacement and installation of a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning ("HVAC") unit for \$21,985.00. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3831)

C. Kemper discussed the contracts for 2013 – 2014 E-Rate eligible services and equipment. (LBM 3832)

C. Kemper discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 3833) He reported that representatives of the Kauffman Foundation were given a presentation on the Black Archives of Mid-America, followed by a tour of the Archives, and that they seemed pleased with how grant funds were being used.

Clark gave a presentation to the Board on the Southeast Branch Library. Highlights included the following:

- Demographic statistics show a population decrease of nearly 17% in the Southeast Branch district between 2000 and 2010 (using a 1.5 mile radius around the branch)
- The general trend is that the neighborhoods are depopulating, getting poorer, and shifting increasingly from owner to renter occupied
- The number of vacant homes in the area are projected to double by the year 2017 from the 909 vacancies reported in 2000
- Economic development in the area includes the City’s investment in the community center, 63rd Street improvements, and Kauffman Charter School
- Many patrons rely on the computers at the Branch as their primary or only internet access and there are frequently waiting lines

Otto reported to the Board on the teen program at Southeast. She introduced several teens who have participated in activities at the Branch: Marcus Cowley, Tahjzaey Higgins, Kharin Nelson, and Daveon Williams. Crowley, Higgins, and Williams each shared with the Board background on the activities they participate in and the impact these interactions have had on their relationship to the Library, to other teens in the district, and to reading.

Motion by Dorsey to adjourn. Second by Mayta. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Secretary

Date