
Library Advisory Board Minutes January 9, 2007

for Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB)

The Multnomah County Library Board met on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Alice Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Board members present were: Rob Brading, Marian Creamer, Stephen Feltz, Rick Gustafson, Gwen Farnham Hyland, Mark Garber, Martha Gies, Molly Gloss, Virginia Koontz, Jon Kruse, Diane McKeel, Donna Oden-Orr, Garrett Shephard and Ellen Wallin. Board members Joe Arellano and Dean Gisvold were excused.

Staff members present were: Molly Raphael, June Mikkelsen, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Cindy Gibbon, Mike Harrington, Penny Hummel, Rita Jimenez, Pat French, Lance Murty, Vailey Oehlke, Yvonne Chambers, Terrilyn Chun, Virginia Tribe, Sara Ryan, Susan Corrigan and Abigail Elder. Also in attendance were: Erin Barnhart, Friends of the Library; Matthew Lashua, Commissioner Rojo de Steffey's office, Susan Hathaway-Marxer, former LAB chair, co-chair Permanent and Stable Funding Committee and Brenda Clark, community member.

The minutes of the December 12, 2006 meeting were approved with the following corrections: the spelling of Rita Jimenez' name and a change to reference Dean Gisvold as the committee member who reported on behalf of the Finance Committee.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Alice Meyer opened the meeting by reminding LAB members of the Regional Future Forum that will be held at Central Library on January 26 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Alice also reminded members of the LAB to review the executive summary of the Needs Assessment that was presented to the board during the November LAB meeting. She encouraged board members to read the report in its entirety for which there were copies available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Molly Gloss reported that a packet of introductory materials for new Board members is in production. On-site tours of Central Library and Library Administration are also being scheduled.

Permanent and Stable Funding Committee: Susan Hathaway-Marxer, co-chair of the Permanent and Stable Funding Committee, reported on behalf of the committee. Susan and co-chair Dean Gisvold met with the Multnomah County Chair's office. A resolution for Chair Wheeler, to present to the BCC, and a full committee will be developed over the month of February.

Teen Involvement Committee: Gwen Farnham-Hyland reported on behalf of the Teen Involvement Committee. She explained its purpose: to create, support and enhance opportunities for Library Advisory Board youth members to be involved in the work of the Library through collaboration with the Library's Teen Action Team (TAcT), the Teen Services Specialist, and the Youth Services Coordinator.

The committee recommended a full orientation for LAB youth members which will include a tour of Central Library and the Technical Services division at Library Administration.

New Branch Troutdale: Diane McKeel reported on the status of the new Troutdale Library Siting Committee. A timeline for the new branch is being developed, and membership in the Siting Committee is being finalized. The first meeting of the Committee will be the last week of January/first week of February.

New Branch New Columbia Area: Molly Raphael reported that Commissioner Jeff Cogen will begin meeting with community members in the North Portland area to discuss potential locations for the new branch in the vicinity of New Columbia. Donna Oden-Orr has volunteered to participate, along with Gwen Farnham-Hyland, as Library Advisory Board representatives in this process.

Finance Committee: Steven Feltz and Becky Cobb reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. Purpose of the Committee, as an arm of the LAB CBAC, is to understand the budget process, to contribute comments and questions, and to evaluate MCL's current priorities. A summary of the library programs submitted for the fiscal year 2007-08 will be presented by the Committee at the February 9th LAB meeting.

Education Outcome Committee: Molly Gloss is a member of the Education Outcome Committee for Multnomah County. Most recently the Committee presented its report to the Board of County Commissioners.

There were no other committee reports.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Molly Raphael reported on the precinct breakdown of the recent library provided maps containing a side-by-side comparison by percentages from the previous levy. She noted that in the prior levy election, voter support was strongest west of 82nd. In the November 2006 election, the "line" showing strong support had moved a bit east, to Interstate-205 (I-205).

Molly also noted that her office is preparing an Executive Summary for the Inventory Report regarding theft issues in the Library, which may be available for the February LAB meeting.

PRESENTATION: TERRILYN CHUN, EVERYBODY READS 2007

Terrilyn Chun, Program Supervisor, Multnomah County Library, presented the fifth annual Everybody Reads project. The goal of this annual event is to create strong community connections through community-wide discussion of the same book. This year's program, coordinated by Multnomah County Library and made possible by The Library Foundation, will take place in January and February, culminating with a visit by the author on March 1. Each year, thousands of teens and adults participate in Everybody Reads. This winter we're reading *Midnight at the Dragon Café* by Judy Fong Bates.

In addition to the author visiting in March, highlights of this year's event include an appearance by the author on radio station KBOO's Asian Pacific program, custom imprinted editions from the publisher and custom printed fortune cookies commemorating the event.

In addition to The Library Foundation, this year's sponsors include Portland State University, Clear Channel, TriMet and the Friends of the Library.

FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION UPDATE

Erin Barnhart reported on behalf of the **Friends of the Library**. Most recently the Friends were focused on the levy and fall book sale. They are now focusing their efforts on how to engage citizens in the Library and are reevaluating their goals and vision for the future.

Due to schedule conflicts, staff from **The Library Foundation** were not available to give a report.

GOOD & WELFARE

Next meeting will be on February 13, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.