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**Library Advisory Board Minutes December 9, 2008**  
For Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB)

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The Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB) met on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Virginia Koontz called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Board members present were: David Blount, Robert Brading, Marian Creamer, George Feldman, Mark Garber, Rick Gustafson, Ethan Johnson, Kate Kerns, Virginia Koontz, Henry Li, Diane McKeel, Alice Meyer, John Potter, Henise Telles-Ferreira, Carlene Weldon and Sola Whitehead. Board member Ruth Gundle was excused.

Staff members present were: Deanna Cecotti, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Linda Fenster, Pat French, Cindy Gibbon, Penny Hummel, Hailey Isleib, Brett Lear, June Mikkelsen, David Miles, Lance Murty, Vailey Oehlke, Molly Raphael, Rod Richards, Peg Solonika, Leila Wrathall and Yvonne Chambers.

Also in attendance were: Corie Wiren, Chief of Staff for Commissioner-elect Diane McKeel; Carol Clifton, Friends of the Library; and Brenda Clark, community member.

The minutes of the November 11, 2008 meeting were approved.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Virginia Koontz opened the meeting with a report on the Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> Central Citizen Budget Advisory Committee (CCBAC) meeting with Chair Wheeler. Virginia noted that Chair Wheeler indicated the current economic downturn will have a large, negative effect on services offered by the County.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vailey Oehlke reported on behalf of the Library Futures Committee. During the committee's first meeting, Vailey gave a presentation on her recent Urban Libraries Council (ULC) tour of several European libraries.

Various themes the Committee will explore include: tension created when transitioning from a classic library to a 21<sup>st</sup> century library; flexibility; adaptability; the shift of our focus from the collection to the people using our libraries; and the use of the community to help determine what materials and resources are made available to them.

Marian Creamer reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Henise Telles-Ferreria, George Feldman, Henry Li and Kate Kerns were appointed to become members of the committee. Applications are currently being solicited from the community. The committee will be working towards filling the position that will be left vacant when Diane McKeel assumes her new position as Multnomah County Commissioner for District 4 in January.

Rob Brading reported on behalf of the Access Policy Advisory Committee. An orientation meeting has been scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will be introduced to past access issues and the possibility of future use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology at MCL.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Molly recognized Diane McKeel as a newly elected Multnomah County Commissioner. Due to the nature of her new position, Diane will be resigning from the LAB.

Molly introduced Brett Lear, Reference, Adult Services and Programming Manager and Linda Fenster, Central Library Director. Molly also thanked Candy Bertelson who filled in as interim Central Library Director.

Molly announced that a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between The Library Foundation and Multnomah County will be finalized this month when it is approved by the BCC.

### **NEW LIBRARIES**

Molly gave an update on the progress of the two new libraries. Six potential sites for the Troutdale Library are currently being considered. The Board of County Commissioners will vote on December 18th to direct Facilities and Library staff to begin lease negotiations with developers of at least two sites.

The Kenton Library is currently going through the final stages of lease negotiation. The estimated opening date of the new library is one year from the finalization of the lease agreement. Molly indicated she and other library employees will brief the BCC on the status of the lease negotiations on December 18th.

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

Molly gave a briefing on the status of the budget planning process. Chair Wheeler has requested a four percent reduction in County General Fund expenditures by all departments this year to help offset the expected decrease in revenue for the next fiscal year.

Each County department has been given a 12% General Fund constraint for the 2009-10 budget requests. This would be just over a \$2 million reduction for the Library. Further discussions will be held with the LAB Finance Committee as well as with the staff Budget Committee. The Library's budget request is due February 13, 2009.

### **TITLE WAVE USED BOOK STORE & VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

Rod Richards, Supervisor, Title Wave Used Book Store, reported on Title Wave and Volunteer Services. During 2007-08, 1,600 volunteers logged 55,000 hours which resulted in a 1.07 million dollar benefit for the Library. Volunteers serve in all MCL libraries, nine outreach programs, the Title Wave Used Book Store and Library Administration.

The Title Wave Used Book Store has 60 volunteers, ages 23 to 86. Seven have been at the Title Wave since the store opened in 1988. Over the last five years, the Title Wave has brought in revenue of over a million dollars. It continues to sell some items on line through alibris.com.

The building is currently in the process of becoming fully ADA compliant, with an outside ramp project expected to begin this spring.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESENTATION**

Carol Clifton, President, Friends of the Library (FOL), reported to the LAB. She indicated that the FOL was established in 1972. They have been involved in supporting the library in various ways including, but not limited to, advocating for library funding, sponsoring library events and programs, and operating annual book sales and a gift store at Central Library. The Friends also make major contributions to the Library's Levy campaigns.

The Friends have approximately 1,000 members.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

Diane McKeel enjoyed her tenure on the LAB and introduced her Chief of Staff, Corie Wiren.

The next LAB meeting will be on January 13, 2009. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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