DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Special Call Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 30, 2013

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Decatur Public Library Madden Auditorium

In Attendance: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, President Staff: Lee Ann Fisher, City Librarian

Robert Edwards, Asst. City Librarian

Jim Alpi Ed Costa

Mike Deatherage Mary Gendry Dr. Priscilla Palmer Eugene King Garry Davis

Gail Crookshank

Guests:

Ed Booth

1. Call to order

Mrs. Zindel-McWilliams called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Agenda

Mrs. Zindel-McWilliams mentioned that the Board would not to go into closed sessions. Motion made by Mr Deatherage to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Alpi

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

None

4. Communications from the Public

Mr Chris Hooser from AFSCME Local 31- Mr Hooser addressed the board and the audience about the recent discussions of the Board to implement massive budget cuts to the library Mr Hoosier discussed that he had reason to believe these would be cuts that would severely affect families in the community. He mentioned that the City had recently cut the library's budget in 2009/2010 which caused layoffs and the bookmobiles to be taken off the road. He also mentioned that staff had adjusted to the cuts and did a good job continuing to offer services to the community Mr Hoosier stated that now here we are three years later and there more proposed cuts. He mentioned that the library is still at approximately \$3 million in revenue from the City and the City is ignoring the library's need for more funding. Mr

Hooser discussed the implications of the staff reductions proposed, mentioning the various programs that were in jeopardy. Mr Hooser mentioned that he thought it was not an issue of making cuts but that more revenue that should be demanded from the city

5. Old Business

Mrs. Zindel-McWilliams mentioned that members of the board had recently met with representatives of the City to discuss the library budget and possible solutions. Mr Alpi summarized the present budget conditions of the library. He discussed that the board as a whole does not wish to cut library services but explained the issues with the budget and the Board's intentions that would determine what was needed to bring the budget back into alignment. He discussed the present property tax and cost allocations. Mrs. Zindel-McWilliams asked Mr. Booth to discuss the temporary cash agreement. Mr. Booth summarized the temporary cash agreement with the City to the Board and the audience. Mr. Deatherage made a motion to approve the temporary cash agreement, seconded by Mr. Alpi. All approved.

Mr Deatherage further discussed some of the implications of the budget. Mrs. Zindel-McWilliams mentioned that the library board would be discussing the budget cuts again at the next board meeting.

6. Public Comments

Ms. Zindel-McWilliams asked if there would be communications from the public. There was communication from several members of the public. The public discussed the various ways that the library had been a service in a benefit to the community. One member of the public discussed his appreciation for the library, another member of the public discussed the taxes and the levy, another member of the public discussed fundraising and charging for services, another member of the public discussed working together for a solution, another member of the public discussed how the library was a benefit for her continuing her education and another member of the public discussed a willingness to help by giving to the library

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Gendry, seconded by Mr King Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Scribe,

Robert L Edwards
Assistant City Librarian

Approved 6/27/2013