

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of Finance and Properties Committee

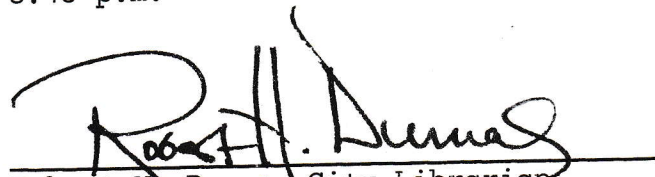
March 31, 1982

Present were David Marshall, Edith Rossiter, John Mueller, Martin Seidman and Shirley Moore, Directors, and Robert Dumas, City Librarian

Mr. Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.. The proposed budget 1982/83 was placed on the table for further discussion in preparation for a meeting to discuss the budget with City Council. Mr. Marshall had previously instructed that a letter from the City Manager be distributed to the Committee. In the letter Mr. Allen indicated that in his budget proposal to Council he had recommended specific cuts in the Library's budget which totaled \$37,400, the largest cut being \$20,400 for video materials. Other cuts were for \$11,000 in maintenance and \$6,000 in contingencies. The Committee agreed that deferred maintenance was undesirable and that this view should be communicated to Council. The \$20,400 cut for video materials was discussed at length. It was pointed out that this sum was provided from the Illinois Per Capita Grant, rather than from taxation, that conditions of the grant specified that such grants were to be used to supplement the budget rather than replace regular expenditures, and that the Library in applying for the grant had made a commitment to acquire the video material and that this use would have to be certified in making application for the succeeding grant.

The matter of the agreement to provide non-resident library services was raised. A draft letter outlining the terms of the understanding was read and a number of changes were made in the language of the letter. The City Librarian was instructed to prepare the amended letter for Mr. Marshall's signature.

The Committee being scheduled to meet with City Council at 4:00 o'clock, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

  
Robert H. Dumas, City Librarian