

**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday July 24, 2018
Central Library Community Room 1
814 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233**

PRESENT: Michele Bria, Ald. Milele Coggs Sharon Cook, Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden, James Marten, Ald. Michael Murphy, Joan Prince, Jennifer Smith, Paula Kiely

EXCUSED: Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Mark Sain

STAFF: Rachel Arndt, Eileen Force Cahill, Joan Johnson, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Jennifer Meyer-Stearns, Rebecca Schweisberger, Kelly Wochinske

OTHERS

PRESENT: Mason Lavey, Budget and Policy Division

President Michele Bria called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:37 p.m. on July 24, 2018 with a quorum present. Trustees Coggs, Cook, and Prince participated by conference phone. President Bria announced that beginning September 2018 all meeting agendas will be sent electronically. Any Trustee who wishes to receive a paper copy should send the request to Rebecca Schweisberger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dan Lee addressed the Board regarding naming of the new library that will replace the current Mill Road branch, which will be located at 7717 W. Good Hope Road. Mr. Lee is a MPL employee but made his comments as a private citizen and lifelong resident of the 9th Aldermanic District. He requested the Board consider the name Granville Branch Library for the new building. To support his request, Mr. Lee submitted a 2010 Milwaukee County street map, distributed by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, on which the intersection of 76th Street and Good Hope Road is labeled 'Granville Center'. Granville Center was one of the seven historic settlements in the old town of Granville. The second item presented was a copy of an article from the April 4, 1956 Milwaukee *Journal Sentinel*. The article reported the results of a joint referendum held on April 3, 1956, when residents voted to consolidate Granville and Milwaukee. The boundaries of the area formerly known as Granville largely overlap with the service area of the current Mill Road branch. Mr. Lee believes naming branches for the neighborhoods they are located in and serve can help promote neighborhood identity, development, and historic connection. The final item presented was a chart showing the percentages of MPL branch libraries named after neighborhoods compared with other library systems. The supporting documents are attached to these minutes.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

1. **Trustee Recognition.** President Bria presented a resolution honoring Alderman Cavalier Johnson, thanking him for his one year and six months of service.

 2. **New Trustee Introduction.** President Bria introduced newly appointed Trustee Alderman Michael Murphy. Alderman Murphy was appointed to the Board by Mayor Barrett on July 10, 2018.
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CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 26, 2018.**

4. **Committee Reports.**
 - a. Executive Committee Meeting June 20, 2018
 - b. Building & Development Committee Meeting July 12, 2018
5. **Administrative Reports.**
 - a. Personnel Actions
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Library Director's Reports

President Bria asked the Board if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda presented as attachment B, pages 6-20 of the agenda. Trustee Cook asked for comment on the year-to-date statistics included in the Director's Report, as they are lower than previous years. Director Kiely noted there has been a decrease in computer usage as personal devices are increasingly used by patrons who are connecting to the library wireless network. The statistics for wireless network usage are being collected and will be reported to the Board starting in 2019. Data on patron use of desktop and laptop computers will inform future technology purchases. Additionally, the modified service model at Mill Road Library has had an impact on usage. Trustee Smith inquired about the significant increase in Database Hits, which includes LibraryNOW hits. Director Kiely will review the data for accuracy. President Bria entertained a motion to approve. Trustee Cook moved and Trustee Kovac seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

6. **MPL Board Committees.** President Bria presented the new Committee appointments. The list of appointments is attached at the end of these minutes. Informational item.

REPORTS

7. **Finance & Personnel Committee.** Trustee Layden reported on the July 24, 2018 meeting. The portfolio continues to be in range of expectations. On behalf of the committee Trustee Layden made a motion to award a two-year contract for Student Data and Research Analyst to IMPACT Planning and Evaluation for \$57,000. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.
8. **Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) Board.** Trustee Nik Kovac, Resource Library Representative, reported on the July 16, 2018 MCFLS Board meeting. Following extensive discussion, the MCFLS Board drafted a letter to the Public Library System Redesign Committee requesting any changes to library systems be postponed until at least the end of 2018. Informational item.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

8. **Public Library System Redesign Project (PLSR).** Director Kiely shared a presentation about the PLSR origins, development, and current status. Director Kiely answered questions about the role of resource libraries and explained how redesigning the systems could result in changes to various contracts currently awarded to MPL. Discussion ensued about the proposed models and recommended course of action. Several Trustees stated their preference to postpone any changes until after the November 2018 elections. Director Kiely will share information from this meeting with the Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and seek additional clarification of the timeline and goal. Dr. Bria thanked Director Kiely for the presentation and her leadership and work on the PLSR Project. Informational item.

With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of July 24, 2018 was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.
