

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Minutes of the Board Work Session  
March 20, 2014  
Trustees Room                      Louis Stokes Wing  
1:42 P.M.

Present: Ms. Butts, Mr. Seifullah, Mr. Hairston,  
Mr. Werner, Mr. Corrigan

Absent: Ms. Rodriguez, Mr. Parker

Mr. Corrigan called the Board Work Session to order at 1:35 p.m.

Mr. Werner stated that at the Board Work Session in February, there was a discussion about the creation of an ad hoc committee that he would chair to implement recommendations in the Library's strategic plan around the strategic priority: CPL150.

Mr. Werner stated that Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Seifullah have agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee. This ad hoc committee would build on the community engagement work done by Enlightenment Consulting Group (ECG) that targeted three pilot neighborhoods about the future of library services and the needs of residents and community partners.

Mr. Werner gave an overview of the purpose of the ad hoc committee as well as the following principles to guide the committee's work:

- Create a sustainable model of innovative library service to Cleveland's neighborhoods responsive to individual community needs
- Focus on gaps that need to be filled
- Align with neighborhood plans
- Maintain local identity
- Increase menu of services

Timothy Diamond, Chief Knowledge Officer, stated that library leadership will ask the ad hoc committee to consider continuing the community conversations that began in the original pilot neighborhoods in 2013, and to begin preliminary community engagement work in two

new areas of the city. The Library will be asking ECG to submit a proposal for this work. As the engagement process progresses to the next level of physical planning, the Library would like to bring in the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC) to provide the necessary neighborhood planning expertise. Proposals from both entities would be vetted by the ad hoc committee before being brought forward for consideration by the full Board.

Mr. Werner stated that it is important to be candid about budgetary and other restraints regarding library commitment in the neighborhoods. Plans would evolve as the ad hoc committee's work progresses.

Mr. Corrigan stated that in the past, many of the library's capital investments have been reactive rather than strategic. Mr. Corrigan requested a motion to formally create the CPL150 Ad Hoc Committee with Mr. Werner as chair and Ms. Butts, Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Seifullah serving as members.

Mr. Werner moved to formally create the CPL150 Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Seifullah seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

After some discussion, Mr. Corrigan thanked Mr. Werner for his work on this important initiative.

Mr. Corrigan moved to adjourn into Executive Session to provide an update on the collective bargaining negotiations. Mr. Werner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 2:04 pm

Mr. Corrigan stated that the record should clearly reflect that in all Executive Sessions no decisions are made, only discussions held.

The Board Work Session resumed at 2:37 pm

MOTION TO  
CREATE THE  
CPL150 AD HOC  
COMMITTEE  
Approved

Mr. Corrigan adjourned the Board Work Session at 2:39  
p.m.

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Thomas D. Corrigan  
President

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Alan Seifullah  
Secretary