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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – July 16, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Claudia Oñate Greim
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Claudia Baker, Director of Development
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services
Naphtali Faris, Early Literacy Manager
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Joel Jones, Director of Branch and Outreach Services
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Jason Roe, Digital History Specialist
April Roy, Bluford Branch Manager
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer
Katie Taylor, Volunteer Coordinator
Steven Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Mayta to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 Finance and Audit Committee meeting and the June 18, 2013 regular Board meeting. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all "recorded" votes, the vote of the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of "approved unanimously" mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

Bell arrived at 4:35 p.m.

Dorsey arrived at 4:37 p.m.

Discussing the Financial Reports C. Kemper reported that the Library ended the fiscal year with a surplus due to larger than expected tax revenue and lower than planned capital expenditures. (LBM 3856) C. Kemper reported that some of the Quality Hill TIF projects will end during the current fiscal year and the Library should see an increase in tax revenue during the next year or two, but it is not known whether these taxes will be accounted for in the projections we receive from the Assessor in September.

Discussing the Library's Leasehold Revenue Bonds C. Kemper reported that the Build America Bonds subsidy was reduced due to the Sequestration and will result in an approximately \$10,000 reduction per year. J. Kemper recommended that the Library review the options to see whether calling the bonds and reinvesting them would be advantageous.

Discussing the authorization of expenditures over \$10,000 C. Kemper updated the Board on the status of the Central Library café and possible impact of AMC's move on revenues. (LBM 3857) J. Kemper suggested that the Operations Committee could meet in the next year to review options for the café.

Discussing the payment to the Retirement System C. Kemper reported that the Governor did sign the bill containing changes to the contribution structure. (LBM 3858)

Motion by Dixon to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for June 2013: Payroll (06/27/13 net cash \$217,089 plus taxes \$88,430) and (07/11/13 net cash \$217,795 plus taxes \$88,248), total amount of \$611,562; General Expense Payments including Checks (#158519-158802), in the amount of \$1,205,188. (LBM 3855)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for June 2013. (LBM 3856)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the contract with and/or make payment to the attached list of vendors in amounts not exceed those detailed in the attached list of vendors. (LBM 3857)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the payment of \$494,843.04 to the Public School Retirement System on or before December 31, 2013, as the Library's contribution for the 2012 calendar year. (LBM 3858)

LaCrone and Roe gave a presentation on the Library's Civil War on the Western Border Website, which is scheduled to launch on August 21st. Highlights included the following:

- The site is a combination of historical documents, original scholarship and technology.
- Working with more than 25 partner organizations the Library's site provides access to information and documents that were previously scattered all over the metropolitan area.

- All materials scanned during the project were also contributed to the Missouri Digital Heritage repository, which provided several grants totaling about \$140,000 to help fund the scanning.
- The site includes essays written by Civil War scholars from across the country.
- A comprehensive and interactive timeline includes more than 200 events and was designed to detect and respond to devices, allowing easy reading on tablets and iPhones.
- Utilization of relational browsing allows dynamic interaction with documents on the site.
- Library staff is working on ways to engage educators and students to explore the site and provide feedback on connecting the material to history standards.

C. Kemper discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 3859) The Library’s Building a Community of Readers initiative has gotten national attention and that Channel 5 is airing a two-part series on the initiative.

Motion by Mayta to convene a closed session under 610.021(3) RSMo to discuss real estate issues. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously.

The Board was in closed session from 5:50 p.m. until 6:25 p.m. No action was taken.

Motion by Dixon to adjourn. Second by Mayta. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Secretary

Date