

**INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2005**

The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Board met at the College Branch Library, 4180 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, IN on Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 4:10 p.m., pursuant to notice given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

1. Call To Order

President Mahern presided as Chairman. Secretary Rothe was present.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Mr. Jordan Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mahern, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Pizarro, Ms. Rothe and Ms. Taylor.

Members absent: None.

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly constituted.

3. Finance Committee Report

Becky Dixon, Chief Financial Officer, began by noting that the Finance Committee felt it was important that the entire Board review the various financing options available to the Library regarding completion of the Central Library Project. She mentioned that following this presentation of the information at today's meeting, the Committee would then be prepared to make its final recommendation to the Board in January 2006 for approval.

At this time, Ms. Dixon advised that Laura Bramble, the Library's Chief Operating Officer, would present an overview of the Project and Colette Irwin-Knott, from H. J. Umbaugh, would follow with an explanation of the available financing options.

Ms. Bramble addressed the Board. She proceeded by providing some background on Central Library and the current Central Library Project. Ms. Bramble mentioned that the Central Library building located on St. Clair Street was opened in 1917. It was, at that time, a City Library and there were five (5) branches. Circulation was approximately 700,000 for 1917 and the collection totaled 207,000 items. The world of information then was primarily a print world with books, pamphlets, magazines and newspapers. In 1972, an addition to Central building was constructed but Central outgrew that space also. Now, we have a system with 22 branches and bookmobile service. Our circulation is over 13 million and our collection contains over 2.5 million items. There were approximately 5 million visits to our libraries in 2004 and patrons made over 2 million information and service requests. As everyone knows, in addition to books, there are other information formats that continue to grow in popularity including audio books, DVDs, CDs, the Internet and on-line databases. Ms. Bramble advised that the current Central Library building itself is very "inflexible". Placement of new technology in the building is difficult, and at times, impossible, the heating and cooling system is outdated and it is not ADA compliant. The building

also lacks the amenities that patrons want today, such as a café and comfortable seating. In the last few years, the I-MCPL system has grown with the addition of several new branches including College Avenue, East 38th Street, Franklin Road, Glendale, Haughville and Irvington. With these new branches, Central Library also needed to expand but it is filled to capacity and there is no room to add more materials. Ms. Bramble reminded everyone that I-MCPL needs the proposed larger building for its Central Library, which is designed to hold one million volumes, to continue to grow. Additionally, it is planned that the I-MCPL Foundation, as well as several Library service areas, will move into the new building. The building will also house the following: 1) a new interactive children's area that will emphasize information literacy and include a special story telling and drama area; 2) the Indianapolis Special Collection which includes works from Indiana authors such as James Whitcomb Riley and Booth Tarkington, as well as several pieces of Indianapolis memorabilia; 3) a dedicated computer lab; and 4) ten (10) public restrooms. She concluded by reminding everyone how much the entire community needs the proposed Transformed Central Library.

Ms. Rothe then mentioned that, while working on the design for the new Central several years ago, it was always referred to as being a "100 year building" and the project seems relatively inexpensive when the costs are spread over this time period.

Colette Irwin-Knott, a representative from H. J. Umbaugh, addressed the Board at this time. She stated that based on the most recent cash flows, it appears that additional monies will be needed for the Project in the Fall of 2006. Ms. Irwin-Knott went on to set out several options that would meet that timetable and also provide the additional funds needed for the Project.

At Ms. Rothe's request, Jeffrey Qualkinbush, the Library's bond counsel from Barnes and Thornburg, discussed the requirements and timing for the upcoming Special Meeting and Public Hearing scheduled for January, 2006 wherein the Board would discuss and hear testimony from the public on the proposed financing.

4. **Other Business**

None.

5. **Adjournment**

Comment: Unknown male speaker

The Chairman announced that there was no further business to come before the Board.

The Chairman declared the Special Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Mary Lou Rothe, Secretary of the Board

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary Lou Rothe, Secretary of the Board of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct.

Mary Lou Rothe, Secretary of the Board

