

Dearborn Heights Library Advisory Board  
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
September 11, 2008

Vice Chairwoman Emmy Peck called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at the Caroline Kennedy Library.

Present: Vice Chairwoman Emmy Peck, Secretary John Zadikian, Eulalia Colon, Sherry Kosko, City Council Liaison Janet Badalow.

Absent (excused): Chairman Tim Powers.

Also present: Library Director Michael McCaffery, JFK Supervising Librarian Michael Wrona, and Linda Butler and Donna Colias members of the city's Disabilities Commission.

Motion by Ms. Colon, supported by Mrs. Kosko, to approve the July 10, 2008, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Communications:

From Mr. McCaffery, a communication regarding the Picture America grant. Money from this grant is being used to obtain and display laminated artwork. Some of the 40 pieces have already been posted at Caroline.

From Mr. McCaffery, a general overview and discussion of his recent "State of the Library" report to the city. Among the highlights of the report were the increase in per capita use; overall circulation is the highest since 1967/1968; the acquisition of new laptops and wireless access; the publication of a quarterly newsletter; the start of e-mail reference services; the physical move of the city's archives to Caroline; and many more accomplishments.

From Mr. McCaffery, a copy of a Press & Guide article highlighting various landmarks achieved in the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

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Report of the Library Director:

Mr. McCaffery offered the following updates/occurrences since our July meeting, all of which prompted a general discussion among those present:

Library usage for July and August was up compared to the same months in 2007; more prints, maps and artwork will be displayed at both libraries in the coming months; Mrs. Peck is working with the College for Creative Studies on a mural; the possible availability of fiber optic wiring will be investigated; the new website redesign is moving forward; the investigation of acquiring a vehicle and additional person as an outreach project; the possible acquisition of large and small benches for outdoor seating around both facilities; and the possibility of RFID chip or other similar technology to improve security for books and videos.

Mr. McCaffery also mentioned the Health and Vision Fair is scheduled for a weekend this year. Fewer vendors were to be invited in order to maximize use of available space and make it more comfortable for visitors. Ms. Butler and Ms. Colias said the Disabilities Commission received positive feedback on the 2007 fair and welcomed future events of this kind.

Motion by Mrs. Kosko, supported by Ms. Colon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM. Motion carried. Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 7:30 PM at John F. Kennedy Jr. Library.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Zadikian*

Recording Secretary