



Library Board of Trustees

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Offices of Robinson Bradshaw, 101 N. Tryon St., #1900, Charlotte NC
Monday, July 18, 2019, 12:00pm – 1:30pm**

Trustees Present

Jennifer Appleby
Ailen Arreaza (phone)
Molly Griffin
Rob Harrington, Chair
Joe Helweg (phone)
Gloria Kelley (phone)
Brandon Neal (phone)
Charles Thomas (phone)
Ed Williams
Hyong Yi

Staff Present

Shelley Book
David Dillard
Seth Ervin
Dana Eure
Jenni Gaisbauer
Lee Keesler
Angie Myers
Ann Stawski

Others Present

Mark Kutny, Hamilton Stevens

Trustees Absent (with cause)

Dr. Ellen McIntyre

Call to Order

Rob Harrington called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Mr. Harrington requested a motion to approve absence with cause for Dr. Ellen McIntyre. On a motion by Jennifer Appleby and seconded by Ed Williams, the Trustees unanimously approved absence with cause.

Committee Report

Real Estate Committee

David Dillard reported the following regarding the new Scaleybark Branch:

- The Library is negotiating the new Scaleybark lease
- The Library has negotiated with the general contractor and landlord and agreed to pay \$318,000 in capital costs

Nominating Committee

Jennifer Appleby explained the nomination process they are planning to use for Kimmery Martin. Next steps include:

- July 18, 2019 Nominating Committee recommends Kimmery Martin to the Board of Trustees for approval
- July 18, 2019 Ms. Appleby and Mr. Keesler meet with Ms. Martin to prep her for interviews

- July 19, 2019 Letter from BOT goes to BOCC, Chairman, George Dunlap
- August 7, 2019 BOCC meeting; Ad Hoc panel appointed; candidates selected for interviews
- August 12-26 Advocacy for Kimmery Martin with Ad Hoc panel
- August 12-26 Candidates interviewed
- September 4 Ad Hoc panel makes recommendation to full BOCC, Board takes action

After some discussion, a motion was put forth by the Nominating Committee and seconded by Ed Williams to recommend the appointment of Kimmery Martin to the Board of Trustees by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation of Kimmery Martin.

7th & Tryon Update- Lee Kessler

Mr. Kessler provided the following updates on the 7th & Tryon project:

- So far, Main Library and 7th & Tryon timelines have run parallel
- 7th & Tryon timelines may be moved up due to the Master Developer's need to build the office tower more quickly to appease the anchor tenant
- The Library's Support Service Center (SSC) is scheduled to open in November of 2020
- The Library would prefer to not move twice however we would also like to be supportive of the project's needs
- The Library is weighing both the pros and cons of a shortened timeline
- The Library is aware of the leverage we have while still inhabiting the block and aware of our exposure/risk when we leave the block
- Risks associated with a shortened timeline are:
 - Unsettled land price for Library property
 - Project boundary lines
 - Service access
 - Parking
 - No contractual access to theaters
 - City owned alley and park
 - Other parties are committed to our timeline
 - Relocation expenses

Capital Campaign Update

Jenni Gaisbauer and Angie Myers provided the following updates:

- The new Main Library project is an unprecedented public/private partnership as it relates to money and control
- The goal is to raise \$50 MM in private funds for the new Main Library during the capital campaign
- The capital campaign began in 2017 and will continue through 2021
- The campaign has been in the quiet phase since it began in 2017 and will go public at Verse & Vino this year
- Campaign pledges are typically 3-5 years so most of our money will be in the door by 2026
- Mecklenburg County, who is backing the project financially, wants 90% of the money raised and in-hand by 2021 and that will not happen
- A \$24 MM gap could be covered by the CM Library Foundation borrowing money for capital from another Foundation that specializes in this type of thing
- Dena Diorio stated that if the Library does not have a solution by September then the project will have to slow down

On a motion by Brandon Neal, seconded by Jennifer Appleby, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenoir C. Keesler, Jr.
CEO