

**CAMDEN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: March 10, 2020

LOCATION: M. Allan Vogelsson Branch

PRESENT: Joseph Tortorelli, Jennie Owens, James Clarke, Robert Weil, Pat Abusi, Sam Cass, Linda Devlin. County Counsel: Catherine Binowski. Staff: David Lisa, Antonella Kressel, Lauren Callahan, Barbara DelPidio.

Deputy County Administrator Holly Cass and Vogelsson Branch Manager Bill Brahms were in attendance.

Vice-President Joseph Tortorelli opened the regular meeting of the Camden County Library Commission.

The regular meeting of the Camden County Library Commission was held in compliance with Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 to 10:4-12.

PUBLIC PORTION: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion for the public portion of the meeting; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cass.

President of AFSCME 1454 Julie Tozer, 232 Lincoln Ave., Collingswood, NJ along with AFSCME 1454 members, Christen Orbanus, 115 E. Kings Highway, Maple Shade, NJ, Jeanne Sevast, 4108 Tracy Court, Voorhees, NJ, Chrissy Sirianni, 409 Cedar Ave, Collingswood, NJ and Justine Johnson, 126 E. Haddon Ave, Oaklyn, NJ addressed the Commission with regard to negotiations.

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Commissioner Cass. Resolution #22-20 approved closing the meeting to discuss personnel issues in accordance with C10:4-13 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Commissioner Abusi presented a motion to open the meeting to the public and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Clarke. The motion passed unanimously.

The commission meeting was open to the public.

MINUTES: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to accept the minutes for the February 2020 regular meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cass. The regular minutes for February 2020 were approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to accept the financial statements for February 2020; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens and Resolution #23-20, approving the financial statements for February 2020, was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to accept the bills and vouchers for February 2020; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens and Resolution #24-20, approving the bills and vouchers for February 2020, was unanimously approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to accept the appointments and resignations for February 2020, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cass and Resolution #25-20, approving the appointments and resignations for February 2020, was unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Ms. Devlin updated the Commission on the renovations at the Vogelsson Branch.

Ms. Devlin announced that the M. Allan Vogelson Branch will be closed for renovations starting Monday, March 23 and reopening to the public on Monday, April 6.

Interior and exterior renovations at the M. Allan Vogelson Branch continue with carpeting and vinyl plank flooring having been installed on the third floor and parts of the second and first floors.

The shifting, moving and weeding of the print collections is mostly complete. Empty stacks have been removed to let in the light from the windows and make space for seating and other library services.

The front of the building's exterior is being cleaned, repaired and painted with painting on the third floor beginning this Thursday, March 12.

Upcoming renovations include interior painting, both walls and the ceilings/ductwork, new signage, new lighting in the entranceway, a new children's program room, expansion of the children's services department, creation of a new space for teen/YA services, new furniture for public areas of the building and updated technology.

Ms. Devlin presented the Commission with a power point presentation from Library Interiors showing various library furniture and signage.

Ms. Devlin announced that the Library System will no longer accept donations of books or media and will discontinue used book sales system-wide in 2020.

Ms. Devlin announced that the majority of the staff at the Vogelson Branch has been reassigned to other locations during the closure of the branch.

Ms. Devlin announced that the Library is following direction from the County with regard to the coronavirus.

Rutgers University has suspended all classes until April 3 which includes the interns working at the Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Branch.

Ms. Devlin announced that the South County Regional Branch has been identified as an alternate facility location for the continuation of County Government essential services in the event that the primary facility is not operable or accessible.

Ms. Devlin announced that the staff has been great in these challenging times.

Ms. Devlin provided a report to the Commission on the Public Library Association Conference she and Associate Director David Lisa attended in Nashville from February 25 through February 29.

The Director's Report was unanimously approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Pay to Play-Recorded Books: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to authorize the non-fair and open contract for various library materials from Recorded Books in an amount not to exceed \$1,100.00; Commissioner Cass seconded the motion and Resolution #26-20 was unanimously approved.

2020 Second Quarter Temporary Budget: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to accept the 2020 second quarter temporary budget; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens and Resolution #27-20 was unanimously approved.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Clarke presented a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devlin, Director
March 11, 2020



Certified by _____ Date: March 12, 2020
Linda Devlin, Director