

**SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 17, 2012

In Attendance:

Trustees: Anil Gullapalli, Jack Hamilton, Mark Howland, June Pietrantonio, Josh Solomon

Library Director: Maria Carpenter

Trustee Candidate: Akil Williams

The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM.

Minutes:

Mark Howland moved to accept the June minutes. June Pietrantonio seconded. The June minutes unanimously approved.

Mark Howland moved to accept the September notes. Josh Solomon seconded. The September notes unanimously approved.

Director's Report:

Maria Carpenter reported the following:

- A Request For Proposals for design services for the comprehensive renovation of the East and West Branches is pending.
- The soft launch of the Teen Center continues with the installation of four computers. The Finance Committee of the Board of Alderman has approved the Mayor's request for \$41,222 for furnishings for the Teen Center.
- The new Youth Service Librarian, Cynthia Momoko Mitchem will begin work the last week in October.
- A memorandum of agreement has been signed by the City and the SMEA union allowing the branches to be opened on Saturday mornings. A start date in November has yet to be determined.
- The library has submitted a MAR waiver request with the MBLC.

President's Report:

Mark Howland reported the following:

- The Director held successful meet and greet events in the East Branch, West Branch, and Central Libraries. At all events there was great interest in the plans for the new Central Library in Union Square. June Pietrantonio, Laura Saunders, Kate Van Sleet, Akil Williams, and Mark Howland participated as well as representatives of the Friends.
- The Director, Laura Saunders, Kate Van Sleet, Akil Williams, and Mark Howland attended the special meeting of the Board of Alderman to review the proposed Union Square Revitalization Plan. The Alderman approved the plan.

Liaison Reports:

- Anil Gullapalli will be initiating the trustee blog posts this month. Josh Solomon and Akil Williams will write new posts this month.
- The Director and interested trustees will hold a conference call on November 1st to begin planning for community outreach.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 6 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Mark Howland