

Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Trustees' Meeting Room, 449 Broadway. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Janet Axelrod
- William Barry
- Andre Mayer
- Patricia Payne
- James Roosevelt
- Nancy Woods

Also present:

- Susan Flannery, Director of Libraries
- Marilyn Gagalis, Administrative Assistant
- Arend Sluis, Membership Committee, Friends of the Cambridge Public Library

Minutes from the October 2009 meeting were approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged from:

- Robert W. Healy, City Manager
- Christopher Saheed, Principal, CRLS
- Mass. Board of Library Commissioners

Board members discussed the library park issue as it relates to Article 97 and the initiative that was introduced by the City Manager. They raised their concerns as both trustees and concerned citizens. Andre Mayer will draft a letter to the City Manager regarding this matter.

It was suggested that the library pursue the possibility of naming a square near the Boudreau Branch after former Board Chairperson Olive Johnson. Janet Axelrod will investigate potential sites and the process necessary to accomplish this goal.

Susan Flannery updated the board on personnel matters. Two employees are retiring and one has resigned.

Branch updates:

- Collins Branch is now shelving books and preparing for opening in February.
- A suggestion has been made to install bike racks at the Valente Branch.

New Main Library update:

- A curb is planned for the end of the walkway.
- Although there are no plans for a full café, the board agreed that the food component was important. More vending machines could be an option temporarily. Board members suggested approaching neighborhood businesses about rotating food services in the library. Ms. Flannery said it is not the highest priority until we get the building issues addressed.

Janet Axelrod spoke about the December 5th Trustees event. Although it was a success and there were many in attendance, it was suggested that they plan another event to meet the architect, William Rawn. Ms. Axelrod will also prepare a letter along with FAQs to send to those who did not attend.

The next meeting of the Board of Library Trustees will be a joint meeting with the Friends of the Library on January 11, 2010 at 6:30 in the Children's Program Room of the Main Library, 449 Broadway.

Andre Mayer, Secretary