

Davis Library Advisory Committee (DVLAC) May 25, 2021 Virtual Meeting Minutes

7:05 P.M. call to order by Co-Chair, Linda Pottern

Attendees: Major Giese, Diane Marcus, Linda Hubbard, Connie Locraft, Steve Warrick (Library Manager) and Dan Melnick (MCPL Board Liaison).

DVLAC Co-Chair Report:

As required, nomination/election of LAC Chair and Secretary was held as well as review/extension of current members 3-year terms. Co-Chair Linda Pottern was nominated to continue another term as Co-Chair and Co-Chair Major Giese declared he planned to step down and nominated Jonina Duker as the Co-Chair to work with Pottern (Jonina was not present at this meeting due to an unexpected family issue but had previously expressed her interest in running for Co-Chair). The committee voted unanimously to accept Pottern and Duker nominations. Call for Secretary nominations resulted in no candidates. As a temporary solution and approved, Pottern will continue to also act as Secretary. The committee members expressed interest in extending their terms beyond the term agreed to previously and would like the Board to take this under consideration as well as extension of the Co-Chair's term. All members including co-chairs will be submitting updated member applications to the Board.

Davis Library Manager's Report (Steve Warrick)

Update of Library Openings and Staff:

- Notification that Davis was approved to open on June 14, 2021 became evident just prior to the start of this meeting. The MCPL and other entities will be updating library information and websites regarding all openings.
- At Davis, there will no longer be Holds to Go or conference room sign ups available. Masks will be required for all patrons entering the library. No capacity limits or required social distancing. Use of computers and printers will be permitted with some time limitations TBD. Book donations drop-offs are not yet scheduled to restart.
- Davis 2 p/t positions open. Several staff members have or plan to continue to work virtually or retire. The long-term library Adult Librarian and reading advisory specialist, Lisa Navaidi, will be retiring soon. Davis virtual book clubs will be put on hold through the summer. Staff will be available by phone for answering reference questions or other concerns.
- The Summer Reading Program for children will be underway soon. Everyone is looking forward to participating again in this event.

Facility Issues:

- The facility remains in good shape. The Deep Rut near KID Museum has been repaired. The volunteer gardening crew did excellent landscaping.

MCPL Board Liaison Report (by Dan Melnick)

LAC information re the MCPL's budget situation as reported by the MCPL Director was provided:

- Director report contained good news: the MCPL Budget has been preserved and no major reductions to the library system have been made. The collections budget has been maintained and not cut.

- Budget for FY 22 is currently under review – ***Breaking News: May 25, 2021, Montgomery County Council approves FY22 Operating Budget and amendments to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program focused on recovery and assistance programs***

Responses to the support MCPL received the budget request:

- Thank you for demonstrating your personal and family support of MCPL and Davis Library through your letters, e-mails and videos to council members and CE regarding budget needs.
- Emphasizing the importance of the Davis branch and the MCPL's resources particularly at a time when many people are observing public health restrictions and isolating in their homes was a successful way to spread the word.

New Social Media campaigns:

- MCPL Board had a presentation by the Digital Strategies Team and others to describe resources to reach regional communities on-line.
- Staff will be working on developing outreach programs, event calendars, etc. that is pertinent to the reported needs of specific library users.

New Business

- Due to the sudden opening of the Library, the June DVLAC meeting is cancelled. The date for the Sept meeting is TBD this summer by the Co-Chairs and members, Davis manager and Board Liaison. The type of meeting, virtual/hybrid/in-person will be a key issue to resolve.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Pottern, Davis Library Advisory Committee Co-Chair

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