

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Ad Hoc Committee on Capital Plan and Budget Policies Meeting  
April 21, 2011  
Trustees Room                      Louis Stokes Wing  
12:00 Noon

Present:            Mr. Werner, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Butts, Mr. Corrigan, Mr. Parker

Absent:            Mr. Seifullah, Mr. Hairston

Mr. Werner called the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Capital Plan and Budget Policies to order at 1:03 p.m.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL PLAN AND BUDGET POLICIES**

Discussion

Carrie Krenicky, Assistant Finance Administrator, stated that Director Thomas suggested the Cleveland Public Library operate at a \$50,000,000 budget. She also distributed and reviewed information gathered from Columbus Metropolitan Library, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, and Dayton Metro Library regarding their respective policies on unencumbered balances. Only Dayton Metro Library had a policy. Ms. Krenicky also distributed Cleveland Public Library's revenues and expenditures, Government Officer Finance Association (GFOA) Recommendations and CPL Conservatism for review and discussion.

As a part of the strategic planning process, Cleveland State University's Center for Public Management will also review budget polices for libraries similar to the size of Cleveland Public Library for comparison and provide recommendations.

Timothy Diamond, Special Assistant to the Director, gave additional background on the scope of services provided by the Center for Public Management that will provide support and direction for our unencumbered balance.

Mr. Werner stated that the Ad Hoc Committee would be available to meet with representatives from the Center for Public Management for periodic updates on their work during the strategic planning process.

Mr. Corrigan stated that Cleveland Public Library is unique because of its dual role: (1) the research aspect of the Library's collection which should be protected by being more conservative with the unencumbered balance; (2) the provision of service to the urban community.

Mr. Werner stated that careful thought and planning should be given to a comprehensive communications strategy if a future levy is to be considered.

Discussion continued about state funding; advocacy of state funds vs. local funding; entrepreneurial opportunities and consolidations to benefit the Library.

Mr. Corrigan stated that Cleveland Public Library continues to serve the region on the backs of Cleveland tax payers.

Mr. Corrigan requested that a joint meeting of the Board of Library Trustees, the Friends of Cleveland Public Library Board and a philanthropic foundation consultant to devise a plan with goals to maintain the library's central research collection.

Discussion continued about outreach to libraries about joining CLEVNET as well as the Healthy Cleveland Initiative.

Mr. Werner suggested that he and Mr. Corrigan draft a letter to the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees and Westlake Porter Public Library Board of Trustees about the advantages of CLEVNET membership.

Mr. Werner indicated that was interested in coordinating a meeting to discuss options for levies.

Mr. Werner adjourned the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Capital Plan and Budget Policies at 1:57 p.m.