

SILVER SPRING: BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES E. MCGEE LIBRARY
LAC Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2024 VIA ZOOM @ 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

SSLAC Members:

Present: Chauna Wiggins (Chair), Dana Anderson, Hira Girglani, Jill Brantley, Martha Kyrillidou (Secretary), Paulette Dickerson, Scott Shoreman.

Absent: Diana Holmes, Regina Germain, Rodney Elin, Tamia Williams, Saa Fillie, Wendy Gales

Ex Officio Present:

- Katrin Sweeney, Regional Manager, MCPL ([Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library](#), [Kensington Park Library](#), and [Noyes Library for Young Children](#))
- Wilma Brier, MCPL Board Liaison.

A [roll call took place](#) and opened the meeting to ensure we have enough people in attendance to approve the minutes. It was deemed that we can start the meeting with the director's report to ensure that others come on board before we vote on approving the minutes for the February 20, 2024 and April 15, 2024 meetings (February minutes had not been approved due to insufficient attendance).

The library manager, Kate Sweeney, reported that an incident took place where there was a broken window found overnight in the library (most likely due to gunshot from its appearance); even though details on the event did not appear in the local news, the incident was investigated and it was deemed that there was no danger posed to people visiting the library (facilities management boarded the window area as it will require a few weeks to be replaced with the custom made glass).

The Branch is continuing to recruit for its three part-time vacancies; programming was very successful in the past few weeks with great attendance for some of the events. A lot of the programs are tied to the summer reading activities coming up - sign-up started on May 15 and kids will record activities/books read starting on June 14; and kids can pick up a free book to kick off the summer. The Library initiated an adult reading program as well that is similar to the teen program with a couple of prizes. Circulation of physical books was about 24,000 transactions per month the past year. It was noted that it would be useful if we could compare the data over time going before the pandemic for a number of years, with other branches, as well as with appropriate targets for each branch adjusted based on registered cardholders or census block data. It would also be useful to have a better understanding of the online usage trends in relation to the physical circulation transactions over time.

The Chair moved the meeting forward by bringing motions to vote on the February minutes (Paulette Dickerson introduced the motion; it was seconded by Dana Anderson). The February minutes were approved unanimously.

A correction was offered in the April minutes to correct the spelling of our new MCPL Board Liaison, Wilma Brier. Correction was made and a motion to approve the minutes was offered by Scott and Paulette seconded). The minutes were approved unanimously.

The Board Liaison, Wilma Brier, offered an update. The library budget was approved but it is very tight this year; the world languages program and staff training were reduced. The renovation plans need one more approval signature to move forward. The Library Director recruitment process is moving forward. The deadline for applications was May 12 and there will be telephone interviews. In July there will be in person interviews.

Under unfinished business, we discussed the Purple Line CAT meeting developments. Paulette Dickerson alerted us that there is a lot of disruption in the downtown area, and she provided information regarding alternative routes that will run throughout the summer in some instances and beyond.

Details on solutions to the disruption are captured in the following three links as well:

<https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/2024-red-line-construction/index.cfm>

<https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/2024-red-line-construction/shuttle-bus-and-travel-Alternatives.cfm>

<https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/2024-red-line-construction/project-resources.cfm>

Future disruptions to traffic will also continue as the tracks will not be laid down till sometime in January 2025. Paulette also noted that the name of the Library Station will be "**Silver Spring Library Station**" and not "**Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library Station**" and this is not something that can change at this point. As a result the library will most likely be known with both of these names.

Under new business, the Chair noted that we will need to hold elections for new chair and secretary in June; the chair can serve for two terms only; the secretary does not have term limits. It was noted that Chauna Wiggins' and Martha Kyrillidou's second terms on the LAC need to be approved at the June 12 meeting in order for them to continue to serve. Chauna asked if there were other nominations for the upcoming year for the roles of chair and secretary. There was no interest expressed and Chauna indicated that she and Martha will apply to renew their LAC membership and are willing to stand for election for one more year under the proviso that we cultivate the next leadership group, and we have an alternate for capturing minutes in the event that the secretary is absent.

The group decided to introduce a motion and postpone voting to the next meeting. The vote will take place in June after Chauna's and Martha's applications are approved by the MCPL Board. The motion to nominate Chauna as the upcoming chair and Martha as the upcoming secretary was introduced by Dana and seconded by Hira Girglani.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7:30pm

- [Upcoming meetings listed on the community calendar](#)