



Request for Board Action (06-616R1)

Original Request

11/08/06 - Resolution Adopted on 11/07/06

County Administrators Recommendation:	RBA Type:
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Originating Department: Commissioner McLaughlin Originating Division:	Is your department composing this RBA on behalf of another department? No
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Immediate Approval? No Yes

Item:

Creation of a Committee on the Future of Libraries in Hennepin County

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Board Action Requested:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County desires to examine possible solutions to existing and future library funding and governance issues in the two library systems in Hennepin County and wishes to engage in this critical effort with the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Library Board; and

Background:

Background Data:

Budget and Accounting Information

Department
County Administration
Administration/Clerk
County Board

History

11/06/06 - Revision 06-616R1 created by Melissa Booth

Additional Readers:

Hennepin County, Minnesota
RESOLUTION NO. 06-11-616R1

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner McLaughlin, seconded by Commissioner Stenglein:

WHEREAS, all County residents should have excellent library services; and

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis library system has had declining LGA revenues, resulting in significant reductions in library hours; and

WHEREAS, the current funding and governance structure of the Minneapolis and Hennepin County library systems is not optimally responsive to the current and future library needs of residents of suburban Hennepin County and Minneapolis;

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis City Council and the Minneapolis Library Board have approved resolutions indicating their willingness to participate in a committee to explore the future of the two library systems; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County desires to examine possible solutions to existing and future library funding and governance issues in the two library systems in Hennepin County and wishes to engage in this critical effort with the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Library Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Committee on the Future of Libraries in Hennepin County be created to study these issues and recommend by February 1, 2007 potential solutions including legislative proposals that might include various levels of joint efforts and cooperation, up to and including a potential merger of the Hennepin County and Minneapolis library systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board appoints Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, Commissioner Mike Opat, Hennepin County Library Board President, John Gibbs, and John Gunyou to serve on this committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County invites the City of Minneapolis to appoint two members of the City Council and invites the Minneapolis Library Board to appoint a Library Trustee, to this Committee as soon as possible so that the committee can complete its work in a timely manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board designates John Gunyou as Chair of the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee will be jointly staffed by the Library Directors of the Hennepin County and Minneapolis Public Library systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$50,000 be set aside in earmarked contingency to provide for staffing and other support activities incidental to this process.

Commissioner Opat moved to amend the third resolving clause by deleting his name and inserting Commissioner Randy Johnson's name, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin and ADOPTED unanimously (Johnson absent).

Commissioner Koblick moved to delete the last resolving clause. Motion died for lack of a second.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were 5 YEAS and 1 NAYS, as follows:

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Michael Opat	<u>X</u>	—	—
Mark Stenglein, Vice-Chair	<u>X</u>	—	—
Gail Dorfman	<u>X</u>	—	—
Peter McLaughlin	<u>X</u>	—	—
Linda L Koblick	—	<u>X</u>	—
Penny Steele	<u>X</u>	—	—
Randy Johnson, Chair	—	—	<u>ABSENT</u>

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 11/07/06

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the County Board