**BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

***Long Range Planning Committee Agenda***

***Monday, October 13, 2014***

8:30 a.m.

Board Room

***The mission of the Birmingham Public Library is to provide the highest quality library service to our citizens for lifelong learning, cultural enrichment and enjoyment.***

***Committee Members in Attendance: Katrina Watson, Chair; Dr. Monique Gardner-Witherspoon, Judge Scott Vowell, Gwendolyn Amamoo, Board President and ex-officio***

***Staff Members Present: Angela Fisher Hall, Jennifer Neely***

***Others Present: Tyrone Silmon, Mayor’s Office Representative***

1. **Call to Order/Invocation**

* **The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Katrina Watson.**

1. **Additional money for building and repair**

* **The Library Board is concerned that there are not enough funds in the City’s budget allocated to take care of small repair and maintenance issues for the Library. Currently, there is $60,000 allocated for repair and maintenance. Tyrone Silmon, Mayor’s Office Representative, meets once a month with City officials and will take the Library’s concerns to the meeting. Administration will provide Mr. Silmon with a current list of prioritized library building maintenance needs as well as library closures due to air conditioning problems. Mr. Silmon will let Administration know if we are able to be placed on the December meeting’s agenda. If he Library is placed on the December agenda, Library Board members and staff will be able to attend.**

1. **Library Board retreat**

* **The purpose of the upcoming Library Board retreat is to discuss the strategic plan, Board dynamics, and conflict management/leadership skills. Jennifer Neely will send out a list of potential dates for this upcoming event.**
* **Melva Tate, human resource consultant, and Joseph Packa, UAB professor, were mentioned as possible facilitators for the event.**

1. **Eastwood lease agreement**

* **The Eastwood Library lease agreement expires on September 30, 2015 and currently there is no option to renew.**
* **Angela Hall will speak with the owners of the Shoppes of Montclair to determine whether or not the lease can be renewed and the potential cost, speak with City Councilwoman, Kim Rafferty, about her ideas for the future of the Eastwood Library, and also look into additional buildings, including City owned, that may house the Eastwood Library in the future.**

1. **Adjournment**