

## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATE OF ILLINOIS

Lisa Madigan

August 8, 2017

Via electronic mail Mr. Kevin DuJan StoryTimeWithMeganFox@gmail.com

RE: FOIA Request for Review – 2017 PAC 48930

Dear Mr. DuJan:

This determination letter is issued pursuant to section 9.5(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/9.5(c) (West 2016)). For the reasons set forth below, the Public Access Bureau has determined that this Request for Review is unfounded.

On July 18, 2017, you submitted an 11-part FOIA request to the Orland Park Public Library (Library) seeking, in pertinent part, copies of records of money spent by staff and Board members. On July 26, 2017, the Library responded to that part of your request by providing you with copies of records with redactions, citing sections 7(1)(b) and 7(1)(c) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b), (1)(c) (West 2016)). On July 26, 2017, you submitted the above-captioned Request for Review alleging that the Library had improperly redacted names from credit card authorization pages. You also informed this office by telephone that you alleged that the Library had improperly withheld an itemized receipt from Lao Sze Chuan.

Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA exempts from disclosure "[p]rivate information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order." The Attorney General has issued a binding opinion concluding that signatures are a form of private information for purposes of FOIA. *See* Ill. Att'y Gen. Pub. Acc. Op. No. 14-015, issued November 25, 2014, at 11. Nonetheless, in the interest of transparency, the Library agreed to identify whose signature was redacted in each instance, and it provided you with that information on August 2, 2017.

Additionally, this office contacted the Library about whether it possesses an itemized receipt for Lao Sze Chuan in addition to the non-itemized receipt that was provided to you, and the Library confirmed that it does not. The Library asserted that it searched all of its credit card authorization files and did not locate an itemized receipt for that restaurant. Because

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there is no indication that the Library possessed an itemized receipt for Lao Sze Chuan at the time that it received your request, this Request for Review is unfounded.

This file is closed. If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 814-8413 or the Chicago address listed on the bottom of the first page of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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