

August 10, 2009

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Vice-Chair Shari Nault Pullar, Paulette Laszlo, Lyn McKinney, Betty Richardson and Dave Ward; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Jim Peters, Assistant Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Development Director of the Library Foundation; Bruce McCandless, Assistant City Administrator; Mike Tuss, CTA Architects.

**Public Comment**

None

**Consent Agenda**

MOTION: Approve consent agenda.

Approved

Ward/McKinney

**Library Foundation Report**

Modrow noted that Shari Nault has been appointed the new Foundation liaison.

Modrow also noted that she and Foundation President Evelyn Noennig attended a non-profit dinner for the 1<sup>st</sup> Montana Annual Connection Tour. The dinner included representatives from the Northwest Area Foundation, Paul G. Allen Foundation, Robert Wood Foundation and M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

**Friends of the Library Report**

The report was included in the agenda package.

**Statement of Concern**

Redman reviewed the Statement of Concern and the staff recommendation regarding the book *Dangerous Games* submitted by Katherine Vallone.

MOTION: Accept staff recommendation.

Approved

McKinney/Richardson

**Strategic Planning Process Update**

Cochran noted that names have been collected for participation in the upcoming Strategic Planning Focus Group meetings. He also noted that the comments received from the recent Community Conversations meetings have provided valuable information.

**Library Parking Lot**

Cochran discussed a request from the Downtown Billings Partnership to the City's Parking Advisory Board to convert the two-hour meters on North Broadway between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to 10-hour meters in anticipation of a request by the Partnership that the Library sells its southernmost parking lot to Stockman Bank. Mike Tuss, of CTA Architects, discussed Stockman Bank's

interest in purchasing the metered lot and their desire for a letter of understanding by the first of October. Bruce McCandless, Assistant City Administrator, discussed the process that the City would need to go through and noted that it would be difficult to authorize the sale of the property in that time frame. However, McCandless noted that perhaps an authorization for intent to discuss may be possible.

MOTION: Move that the Library enter into discussion with the interested parties.  
McKinney/Ward

After further discussion by the Board, Ward volunteered, as well as McKinney and perhaps Mickelson, to participate in discussions with the interested parties.

**High Plains Book Award Committee report**

Cochran distributed copies of the High Plains Book Awards Committee report prepared by Lloyd Mickelson.

**Recognition of Jim Peters Retirement**

Cochran invited the Board to attend Jim Peters retirement celebration scheduled for Thursday, September 17.

Adjournment 1:10 p.m.