

October 8, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair Tony Hines, Vice-Chair Shari Nault Pullar, Bill Lamdin, Lyn McKinney, Lloyd Mickelson, Betty Richardson and Dave Ward; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director, Kathy Robin, Acting Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Development Director of the Library Foundation; Nicki Broch, Friends of the Library; Evelyn Noennig, President of the Library Foundation; Candi Beaudry, Planning & Community Services Director; Chuck Gainan, Todd Gainan, and Mick Gainan.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Amend the date on the September 10, 2009 minutes from August 10, to September 10, 2009. Approve consent agenda as amended.

Approved

McKinney/Mickelson

Library Foundation Report

Modrow discussed the upcoming special event, "Illustrate a Story", scheduled for Thursday, November 5 at the MSU-B College of Technology.

MOTION: Accept the Library Foundation Report

Approved

Lamdin/Mickelson

Friends of the Library Report

Broch thanked the Board for their support during her many years of service as President of the Friends of the Library. She also noted the upcoming book sale scheduled for October 16-17.

Redman discussed a request for funding submitted to the Friends of the Library to sponsor a public program by the Big Sky Chorus.

MOTION: Approve the submittal of the request.

Approved:

Lamdin/McKinney

Introduction of new Trustee Bill Lamdin

Hines introduced new Trustee Bill Lamdin to the Board.

Statement of Concern

Redman reviewed the Statement of Concern and the staff recommendation regarding the book *The Girls' Guide to Guys: Straight Talk for Teens on Flirting, Dating, Breaking Up, Making Up and Finding True Love* submitted by Lydel Shanks.

MOTION: Accept staff recommendation.

Approved

Nault/ McKinney

Redman reviewed the Statement of Concern and the staff recommendation regarding the DVD *Padre Padrone* submitted by Bonnie Brady.

MOTION: Accept staff recommendation.

Approved

Nault/Mickelson

Gainan's Building Project

Cochran distributed a report which discussed staff's work with the City Administrator, Finance, and Gainan's in exploring financial mechanisms for the funding of the proposed Gainan's Building project. The report noted that the optimal financial mechanism for funding the proposed project is through a combination of a mill levy to pay for an annual lease payment for the existing building and property, accompanied by a mill levy to pay the debt service on ARRA Recovery Zone Bonds for the cost of renovation of the existing space and construction of additional space. Cochran noted that to take advantage of the Recovery Zone Bonds, the Library Board would need to recommend the project in time for it to be placed on the November 3, 2009 Council Work Session agenda, allowing Council to act on the proposal at its November 23 Regular Meeting which would allow enough time to place the mill levy before the voters in early March 2010.

MOTION: Recommend the plan to the City Council.

Approved

Mickelson/Nault

It was noted that the motion to move forward with the project was approved unanimously by the Board.

High Plains Book Award Committee report

Mickelson reported a very successful award banquet and noted that he received many wonderful comments. He also noted a big thanks to Sandy Raymond and Cara Schaer for their help.

Strategic Planning Process Update

Planning and Community Services Director Candi Beaudry distributed an overview updating the Board on the Strategic Planning Process, which included a Community Vision Statement, as well as discussion of the Community Needs Exercise, and Focus Group Meetings held September 24 and 25. Beaudry noted that the next step would include a library staff meeting to review the service and facility needs list, followed by a Planning Committee meeting on October 14 to finalize the list and assign service response categories.

Library Parking Lot

Cochran discussed the Downtown Billings Partnership request to the City's Parking Advisory Board to convert the two-hour meters on North Broadway between 4th Avenue North and 6th Avenue North to 10-hour meters. Cochran,

Hines and Mickleson attended the Parking Advisory Meeting held September 14, 2009 and requested that the Board defer action on the request until the Library knew if it would be moving ahead on the Gainan's project. The Parking Advisory Board tabled the request until their next meeting. It was noted that the Parking Advisory Board would get back to the City/Library for further discussion.

Adjournment 1:25 p.m.