

November 12, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair Tony Hines, Vice-Chair Shari Nault Pullar, Dan Carter, Paulette Laszlo, Bill Lamdin, Lyn McKinney, Lloyd Mickelson, and Betty Richardson; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director, Kathy Robins, Acting Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Development Director of the Library Foundation; Nicki Broch, Friends of the Library; Candi Beaudry, Planning & Community Services Director; Matt Hagengruber, Billings Gazette.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve consent agenda except for Item A.

Approved Mickelson/Richardson

Item A

Hines requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that Dave Ward was not in attendance at the October 8, 2009 meeting.

MOTION: Amend the October 8, 2009 minutes.

Approved Carter/McKinney

MOTION: Approve consent agenda as amended.

Approved Mickelson/Richardson

Library Foundation Report

Modrow reported that Illustrate a Story was a great success. She also noted that the Library tours with the City Council members were very well received.

Friends of the Library Report

Broch reported that the October Book Sale was not quite as successful as in the past; however, due to receipts from the Book Nook and other sales activities they had surpassed last year's total revenue.

Strategic Planning Process Update

Hines introduced Planning and Community Services Director Candi Beaudry, who presented an update on the Strategic Planning Process. Beaudry distributed a handout which included the Library SWOT Analysis strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, as well as a copy of the Planning Committee and Focus Group Outcomes and Staff Service Response Categorization. She noted that library staff was very cooperative and helpful in identifying service response priorities. Beaudry will continue to work with Cochran and Redman to develop the Strategic Plan document.

Gainan's Building Project

Cochran reported that he has proceeded with the Board's recommendation of moving forward with the Gainan's Building Project. Hines formally introduced the recommendation to the City Council at the November 2 Work Session. A presentation was given discussing the Gainan's Option along with two other options, a Remodel Option and New Construction Option. Hines noted that Council appeared receptive and favorable. Council asked Cochran to prepare the three options and bond language for a November 23 Council meeting. Hines encouraged Board members to attend the Council meeting and it was noted that Hines should attend the upcoming Friends of the Library and Library Foundation Board meetings to ask for their help in soliciting support for the project.

MOTION: Hines should attend the upcoming Friends of the Library and Library Foundation Board meetings and solicit their support for the building proposal.

Approved

Mickelson/Lamdin

Discussion continued on the Gainan's Building Project. Hines distributed a handout which addressed questions raised from a *Gazette* editorial regarding the library project. He also noted that an informational website has been developed where people can get answers to their questions. The site will feature a "Contact your Council Representative" form with a pre-written letter that can be completed by the user and emailed to City Council members.

Cochran reported that today was the Library's "going live" day on the Montana Shared Catalog. Ken Adams from the State Library, along with staff from Missoula and Flathead County public libraries were here to mentor staff as they went live.

Adjournment 1:00 p.m.