

Decemeber 10, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair Tony Hines, Vice-Chair Shari Nault Pullar, 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; Evelyn Noennig, President of the Library Foundation; Kim Olsen, Library Foundation; Candi Beaudry, Planning & Community Services Director; Ed Gulick, High Plains Architects; Nash Emrich, High Plains Architects; Randy Hafer, High Plains Architects; Cory Hasiak, MKK Consulting Engineers; Mike Tuss, CTA Architects Engineers; Karl De Cock, CTA Architects Engineers; Michael Schaer, Computers Unlimited; Bruce Putnam, City/MSU-B Community Library Committee; Stella Fong, Community Volunteer; Matt Hagengruber, Billings Gazette.

Public Comment

None

Cochran reported that Library Board Trustee Dan Carter's term expires December 31, 2009 and he has chosen not to apply for reappointment to the Board.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve consent agenda.

Approved

McKinney/Lamdin

Library Foundation Report

Modrow noted that the Foundation was approaching year end and that contributions would be appreciated.

MOTION: Approve Foundation Report.

Approved

Mickelson/McKinney

Friends of the Library Report

- Broch reported that the Friends of the Library raised about \$40,000 in 2009.
- Redman reported on the funding request from the Friends of the Library to sponsor a public program, the musical group "Silver Roots" on February 16, 2010.
- Redman also noted that the Big Sky Harmony Chorus will perform at the Library on Saturday, December 12, 2009.

Strategic Planning Process Update

Hines introduced Candi Beaudry, Planning and Community Services Director. Beaudry updated the Board on the Strategic Planning Process and distributed a handout describing the process. Beaudry reported that performance measures

are being developed for each of the six goals identified, as well as activities/actions on how to carry out the goals based on investment strategies. The activities/actions noted were:

- Austere (fiscally constrained for least cost investment).
- Enhanced (marginally improved existing conditions).
- Ideal (significantly improved conditions and greatest cost investment).

Beaudry explained that the benchmarks for the activities would be based on one of the following strategies:

- Meeting the national averages for services, programs and facilities.
- Meeting state urban averages for services, programs and facilities.

Beaudry asked the Board for direction on which strategy should be implemented.

MOTION: Move that city staff re-evaluate the terminology for the three investment strategies and use the state urban average as the bench mark.

Approved Nault/Richardson

Gainan's Building Project

Cochran distributed copies of the December 14 City Council agenda memo, the Gainan's proposed contract for deed offer and a parking analysis handout. Cochran briefed the Board on the updated Council agenda memo which includes the original three different resolutions for a March 2010 election along with the two additional options of: 1) approving another (unspecified) option, or 2) taking no action. He also briefed the Board on the Gainan's offer and parking analysis.

Randy Hafer with High Plains Architects gave a presentation discussing a possible remodel of the current library building.

Hines opened the meeting for comments and after much discussion regarding the Gainan's project and other options asked the Board for direction on how to proceed.

MOTION: Move that staff withdraw the recommendation to the City Council and form a committee to discuss all options and come back to City Council with a recommendation by October 1, 2010.

Approved _____ by _____ on _____

Adjournment 2:05 pm