

March 22, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair Tony Hines, Vice-Chair Shari Nault Pullar, Paulette Laszlo, Lyn McKinney, Lloyd Mickelson, Bernard Rose, Dave Ward, Bill Cochran, Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Bruce McCandless, Assistant City Administrator; Brent Brooks, City Attorney; Jani McCall, City Council Member; Peggy Gaghen, City Council Member; Bill Coffee, Stockman Bank; Mike Tuss, CTA Architects; Pat Bellinghausen, Billings Gazette; Ed Kemmick, Billings Gazette.

Public Comment

The guests introduced themselves and requested opportunity to comment after the discussion period.

Proposed sale of property to Stockman Bank

Cochran discussed the purpose of the special board meeting and summarized the Board's action from its March 11 meeting, and reported that Stockman Bank has purchased property immediately north of the Library since that meeting.

Cochran consulted with Hines and they agreed a special meeting to discuss the new information was warranted. McCandless discussed the tight time line required in order to place this item on the upcoming April 12 Council Agenda.

Cochran distributed a memo noting the history of the City's involvement with property located in the vicinity of 4th Avenue North and North Broadway, as well as a map depicting the property owned by the City and Stockman Bank.

Coffee and Tuss both discussed the need for the Library parking property and noted that the timing was critical as they begin their construction project.

After much discussion by the Board, Hines opened up the meeting for public comment. Comments received were:

- McCall expressed concern over how the public will perceive the sale or a land swap.
- Gaghen expressed concern over the timing of the situation, the perception of the sale to citizens, and concern the City may lose control over the situation.

After public comment and further discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: The proposed sale agreement of the Library parking property should include the condition of "First Right of Refusal" on the Stockman lots to the north of the Library building.

Approved

Rose/McKinney

Adjournment 1:35 pm.