

March 13, 2008

MINUTES

Present: Lloyd Mickelson, Board Chair; Dan Carter, Denise Du Pont, Paulette Laszlo, Lyn McKinney, Shari Nault Pullar, Dave Ward, Jean Warner, Bill Cochran, Library Director; Jim Peters, Assistant Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Systems Administration; Sandy Raymond, Senior Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Development Director for the Library Foundation; Nicki Broch, President of Friends of the Library

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approval of all items on Consent Agenda except *Item D*
Approved Carter/McKinney

Item D – Library Foundation Report

Modrow reported:

- Food for Thought event is planned for May 29, 2008
- Cabinet for the Books for Babies program has been purchased; the Friends will provide the materials for the program
- She attended a Civil Discourse workshop in Great Falls with Cochran and Foundation Board Member Bruce Whittenberg
- She and Du Pont are researching Library grants

Parking Advisory Board inquiry regarding south parking lot

Cochran reported on a proposal from the Parking Advisory Board to change the 10-hour metered parking spots to leased monthly parking. He has shared with the City's Parking Manager that the parking lot was purchased with Library operating reserves to provide parking for patrons and for possible Library expansion. Cochran has been invited to attend the next Parking Advisory Board Meeting.

MOTION: The Library Board does not support any change in the current parking arrangements to the south parking lot.

Approved Ward/McKinney

Carter will join Cochran to report on Board concerns at the Parking Advisory Board meeting.

Joint Organizational meeting for Facilities and Funding Committees

Mickelson requested that each of the Committee chair persons begin to hold regular meetings of their committees and report on them monthly to the Library

Board. City Facilities Manager Saree Couture has been appointed to serve on the Facilities Committee.

Carter inquired about a formal master plan for the Facilities group to use to maintain the focus of the group. Cochran reported that the City does not have a systematic process for buildings. There is a Capital Improvement Plan which has not always been followed when new facilities are built. He suggested that the group continue to consider the west end Joint Use Facility and a branch in the Heights along with a moratorium on the sale of the current site until the Library has a plan for a new downtown facility.

Mickelson reported on an idea that has been discussed at a recent series of ad hoc meetings that would include a parking facility for the Billings Clinic north of the current Library site which could also incorporate a new downtown Library.

High Plains Book Award Committee report

Mickelson reported that the Committee is meeting and nine nominations have been received to date, the final date for submission is April 1. Zonta has offered to fund an award for the best woman writer, which could be a special award for this year since requests have already gone out.

MOTION: Accept the Zonta book award as a one time gift.

Approved

Carter/Mickelson

Other

Carter reported on an April 10 visit by one of the editors of the book *A Long Journey Home*, by James W. Brown. There is a possibility he would be willing to speak and hold a book signing at the Library that evening.

Cochran reported on the passing of Norma Johnson, the wife of longtime Library supporter Royal Johnson.

Cochran reported that Mickelson will be honored as Library Trustee of the Year in April at the annual Montana Library Association conference in Great Falls.

The next Board meeting will be held on April 17 and will be a combined meeting with the Joint Community Library Committee at the MSU-B College of Technology campus.

Adjournment.