BOARD RETREAT MINUTES

Present: Board Chair Tony Hines, Vice-Chair Shari Nault Pullar, Paulette Laszlo, Lyn McKinney, Lloyd Mickelson, Dave Ward, Jean Warner; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Jim Peters, Assistant Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Systems Administration; Mary Murphrey, Support Staff IV; Elizabeth (Betty) Richardson, County Board Applicant.

Public Comment
None

Strategic Plan Status Review
Cochran distributed and reviewed the updated Strategic Plan Status Report with the Board.

FY 10 Budget and Beyond
Cochran distributed and discussed the FY 10 Budget, characterizing the near-term future as being relatively stable and supported by reasonable reserves. He discussed the upcoming re-appraisal of property taxes and increasing health care and utility costs, as examples of developments that might have a negative impact, however.

Facilities Plans
- Board Facilities Committee
  Cochran distributed the Funding Options grid from the September 22, 2008 Funding Committee Meeting. Funding options were discussed.
- FY10-14 City Capital Improvement Program
  Cochran discussed the Library’s CIP projects with the Board.
- Gainan’s Building Possibility
  Cochran noted that he will be obtaining estimates for identifying costs of remodeling and expanding the Gainan’s building to function as a library.

There was discussion on changing the structure of the Funding, Facilities, and COT Committees. It was noted that perhaps a “Project Manager” may be needed to coordinate the committees. There was additional discussion on if this position could be a contracted position and how it might be funded.

It was also noted that perhaps a co-chair should be appointed on the Funding Committee to help Carter, due to his busy schedule.

MOTION: Nault to approach Steve Zeier to co-chair the Funding Committee
Approved Ward/Warner

Board Role in Funding Advocacy
- Role in bond issue and levy campaigns
Cochran met with City Attorney Brent Brooks and discussed what, if any, role the Board can play in bond issues and levy campaigns. Cochran distributed handouts provided by Brooks for the Board to review.

- Foundation liaison
  Nault provided a Foundation Liaison position description.

MOTION: Accept the Foundation Liaison position description
Approved McKinney/Mickelson

Other
Hines reported that he had sent a letter to the County Commissions supporting the appointment of Elizabeth (Betty) Richardson to the Board, per Board direction on the December 2008 meeting.

Adjournment 1:15 p.m.