

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair Shari Nault, Vice-Chair Lloyd Mickelson, Paulette Laszlo, Lyn McKinney, Betty Richardson, Bernard Rose; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Development Director of the Library Foundation; Candi Beaudry, Planning & Community Services Director; Evelyn Noenning, President of the Library Foundation; Cara Schaer, Vice President of the Library Foundation; Kathy Cross, Library Foundation; Kendra Freeck, Library Foundation; Mary Bolender, Library Foundation; Mike Mathew, Library Foundation; Kevin Heaney, Library Foundation; Kim Olsen.

Public Comment

Beaudry mentioned that an information card on the upcoming 2010 City Planning mill levy is available.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Pull *Item B* for further discussion and approve consent agenda.

Approved

McKinney/Mickelson

Item B

- Cochran noted the Board is the sponsor of the High Plains Book Award.
- Cochran and Rose attended the BTOP Grant Award Lunch for the State of Montana grant. Cochran noted that Billings was the recipient of computers for the Library and the Community Library pilot project at the College of Technology.
- Cochran announced the grand opening of the MSU Billings/Parmly Billings Community Library to be held Tuesday, October 19 at 10:30 am.

MOTION: Approve staff report.

Approved

McKinney/Richardson

Friends of the Library Report

- Laszlo noted that the Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held October 15/16.
- Redman reported that the Friends sponsored a guitar recital by Peter Fletcher on September 28 and a performance of *The Real Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by the Montana Repertory Theatre on October 5.

Library Foundation Report

Modrow gave an update on the Library Feasibility Study. She reported that through the feasibility study process a champion has stepped forward and offered a significant lead gift towards a new library building. The donor wishes to remain anonymous at this time and the lead gift was offered with one condition – that the building design be one of architectural significance.

Facilities Planning Committee Update

Beaudry presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Downtown Library Facility Committee’s process and recommendations. Beaudry reviewed the scoring and ranking process of the sites identified and noted that the current library site received the highest score. Taking into consideration the current library site the Committee identified three options to be presented to the City Council at the October 18 Work Session.

Preliminary planning of post-site selection process

Cochran noted that the next step was to work with the Community Design Center at the MSU-Bozeman School of Architecture and to expedite the selection of an architect to develop a design for a new library with architectural significance.

Cochran further reviewed the three options identified by the Downtown Library Facility Committee. After much discussion the Board ranked the options identified from the Facility Committee recommendations.

MOTION: Rank the options noted from the Facility Committee recommendations as follows:

- Move option 3 to option 1
- Move option 1 to option 2
- Delete option 2

Approved

Rose/McKinney

MOTION: Board recommends that the Library accept the potential donor’s donation in the building process.

Approved

Mickelson/Lazlo

MOTION: Direct staff to continue negotiations with the Billings Clinic on the property identified.

Approved

Rose/McKinney

Board Retreat

Nault asked for suggestions from the Board on what they would like to accomplish during the Board Retreat and when they would like to meet. The Board Retreat will be held Saturday, November 13 from 9am – 3pm at the Library.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for November 18 at noon.

Adjournment 1:45pm.