

MINUTES

Present: Chair Shari Nault, Vice-Chair Lloyd Mickelson, Sara Hudson, Bill Lamdin, Lyn McKinney, Jennifer Quinn, Betty Richardson, Bernard Rose, Dave Ward; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Development Director of the Library Foundation; P.J. Smith, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve consent agenda.

Approved

Mickelson/McKinney

Appointee to City Ad Hoc Committee on Art Acceptance Policy

Cochran reported that City Administrator Tina Volek asked for a representative to serve on a City Ad Hoc Committee on the Art Acceptance policy.

MOTION: Nominate Nault for the position on the committee.

Approved

Mickelson/McKinney

Report on meeting with Laurel Public Library representatives

Cochran reminded the Board that the Library's Strategic Plan addressed more cooperation with the Laurel Public Library, schools, businesses and other entities with existing buildings. Mickelson, Nault, Ward and Cochran met with the Laurel Library Director and Board members. Discussion centered around funding and suggestions on how to expand service.

New Library Building Project

- E-mail from Conrad Stroebe – Cochran noted that Stroebe's e-mail to State officials was forwarded to him and Councilmember Gaghen. The Board agreed there was no need to respond to the email.
- Project update from Foundation – Modrow distributed copies of the Foundation's Monthly Report. She noted that Will Bruder + Partners Architects should have schematics and renderings ready the first part of April. Modrow noted that the Capital Campaign is going well. A kick-off celebration will be held March 21 with the Employee Campaign starting the following week. Cochran and the Board thanked Modrow and the Foundation for their commitment and hard work.
- Project update from Library Director – Cochran updated the Board on the status of the land exchange with Stockman Bank. He noted that the

exchange will mostly likely result in two agreements, the land exchange and a reciprocal use agreement for Library use of the Library's existing parking property during the construction phase. Cochran reported that meetings continue with the Billings Clinic.

Cochran noted that the new building schematics will be presented at the April 18 Council Work Session, followed by a June 20 Work Session to finalize resolution language for the bond ballot and action at the June 27 Agenda Meeting.

- Report from Library Building Design Committee Chair – Mickelson reported that the Committee has met on several occasions. He noted that he and Co-Chair Frank Cross attended the Phoenix Library tour.
- PowerPoint of Phoenix Library Design Trip – A PowerPoint presentation was given showing the libraries toured by the Committee representatives. The tour included the Phoenix Central Library, the Palo Verde Branch Library and the Agave Library. Cochran noted that following the tour the Committee met with the architect, landscape architect and the capital campaign consultant.

He also noted that Will Bruder and Kim Olsen toured the Bozeman Public Library facility and met with Tom McNab and his students.

Cochran noted that the Montana Library Association Conference will be held in Billings April 6-9 and invited Board members to attend. He noted that the Library and Friends of the Library will sponsor the opening reception at the Western Heritage Center on Wednesday, April 6 at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment 1:25 pm