

MINUTES

Present: Chair Shari Nault, Vice-Chair Lloyd Mickelson, 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; Guests: Evelyn Noennig, Library Ballot Initiative Committee Co-Chair; Ed Kemmick, Billings Gazette.

Public Comment

Noennig reported that the Library Ballot Initiative Committee is moving forward. She noted that an open house for the Ballot Initiative Campaign office was scheduled for July 27. Noennig reported on the upcoming August 8 “Capture the Moment” display preview dinner sponsored by Billings Gazette Communications, from which all proceeds will go to the new Library campaign.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve consent agenda.

Approved

Mickelson/Quinn

Nominating Committee

Rose reported that the Committee has nominated Mickelson to continue as the Library Vice-Chair. Ward noted that no County representative has served as Chair or Vice-Chair since 2004 and he encouraged that a County representative be pursued over the next year.

MOTION: Accept Committee’s recommendation for Vice-Chair.

Approved

Lamdin/McKinney

New Library Building Project

- Project update from Foundation
 - Modrow thanked Quinn for the article in the July issue of the *Simply Family* magazine.
 - Modrow reported that the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association Board sent a letter of endorsement for the new Library building project.
 - Modrow noted that the Capital Campaign was moving forward. A BBQ was held June 27, followed by a presentation to the City Council announcing that 3.4 million has been raised toward the Capital Campaign.
- Project update from Library Director
 - Land aggregation status – Cochran reported that the land exchanges with the Billings Clinic and Stockman Bank were approved by City Council and the City has closed on both properties.

- Ballot issue for bonding for project status – Cochran updated the Board on the bonding process, noting that the ballot initiative project budget will be written for up to 16.3 million, with that amount possibly being reduced by cash received by the capital campaign by mid-August.
- Decision regarding remaining in building during construction or moving – Cochran noted that cost estimates are being developed for a) remaining in the current building and b) moving to a temporary location during construction of the new Library building. He noted that testing and demolition of the old Underriner building, relocation of the utilities and creation of a building maintenance fund, all of which would be paid from Library reserves, could cost up to 1.7 million. This coupled with the estimated cost for moving to another location could deplete the Library's reserve. Cochran noted that his tentative recommendation would be to stay in the current building during construction which may enable the Library to encumber some funds to help reduce the bond costs and perhaps develop an owner contingency to address technology advances in the next three years. He noted that final cost estimates and his recommendation will be provided at the August Board meeting.
- Report from Library Building Design Committee Co-Chair – Mickelson distributed notes from the June 14 New Downtown Library Public meeting. He noted that with the donor signing off on the architectural design of the building that the City has now become the owner of the project. He noted that the Committee will become much more involved in the process. Mickelson reported that some representatives will be traveling to Phoenix to meet with the architects. He suggested that Rose speak on behalf of the Library Board.

MOTION: Appoint Rose to speak on behalf of the Library Board Trustees.

Approved

Lamdin/Mickelson

Adjournment 1:35 pm