

October 8, 2015

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Chair Stella Fong, Vice Chair Jeana Lervick, Sue Bach, Cheryle Fisher, Bill Lamdin, Alex Martin, Bernard Rose, Bill Cochran, Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation Development Director; Corrina Graham Martin, Friends of the Library President; Guest: Candi Millar, Planning and Community Services Director; Mike Ferguson, Billings Gazette

### **Public Comment**

Cochran welcomed Ferguson from the *Billings Gazette*.

Cochran announced that Michael Carlson has been hired as the new Assistant Library Director.

### **Consent Agenda**

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda.

Approved

Rose/Martin

### **Chair's Comments**

Fong reported that:

- The Rededication Ceremony was a success.
- High Plains Books Awards Banquet was very successful.

Fong thanked Cochran for twenty-five years of service to the Library and presented him with an anniversary plaque during the High Plains Book Awards Banquet.

Fong asked Bach to report on the FOL membership recruitment. Bach noted that the recruitment continues.

Fong asked Modrow to report on an upcoming event. Modrow announced that the Inaugural Royal Johnson Forum has been scheduled in the Community Room at 7:30pm on October 29. She noted that there will be a panel discussion with Senator Alan Simpson as the guest speaker.

### **Strategic Planning**

Cochran noted that each month the Board has been reviewing the strategic plan or community assessment of another community agency or organization, as well as the strategic plan of another public library, in preparation for the Library's upcoming strategic planning process. He noted that a link to the Indianapolis Public Library Strategic Plan had been included in the agenda notes and that Board members had been encouraged to familiarize themselves with the process and results of their plan.

Cochran then introduced this month's guest, Planning and Community Services Director Millar. Millar discussed the importance of the planning process and presented the City of Billings Comprehensive Growth Plan. Trustees discussed implications of the plan for Library planning and asked Millar questions.

**Meet the staff: Cody Allen, Teen/TECH Lab Librarian**

Allen gave a brief overview of his job duties and responsibilities.

Adjourned at 1:07 p.m.