

March 11, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Board Chair Tony Hines, Vice-Chair Shari Nault Pullar, Paulette Laszlo, Lyn McKinney, Betty Richardson, Bernard Rose, Dave Ward, Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Development Director of the Library Foundation; Mona Harris, President, Friends of the Library; Nicki Broch, Friends of the Library; Candi Beaudry, Planning & Community Services Director; Pat Bellinghausen, Billings Gazette.

Public Comment

Harris asked about the status of the Library's internet service. Cochran reported on the status and progress of the service to date.

Hines introduced new Library Board Trustee Bernard Rose.

Consent Agenda

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

Approved

McKinney/Ward

Item B

- Cochran reported that Mary Drew Powers has been hired as the new reference librarian replacing Kathy Robins, and passed around the current issue of *Library Journal*, in which Powers was quoted. Powers will begin April 12. Redman reported that Barb Riebe has been promoted to the half time reference librarian position.

MOTION: Approve staff report.

Approved

Laszlo/Ward

Friends of the Library Report

Broch noted that the Bag of Books sale was very successful.

Strategic Plan Presentation

Beaudry noted that the Strategic Plan will be available on the Library's website and hard copies will be distributed to Board members when they become available.

Cochran updated the Board on the Stockman Bank construction project at 4th Avenue North and North Broadway and their desire to purchase the 10-hour metered parking lot located directly north of their property. He noted that the City was considering the sale of the lot with a contingency that Stockman Bank would transfer the property back to the City for the construction of a parking ramp or a library construction project. Cochran noted that the sale of the property with the buy back contingency was scheduled for public comment at the April 5 City Council Work session. He asked the Board for direction regarding the sale of the

property. After much discussion and some concerns expressed by the Board the following motion was made.

MOTION: Recommend that the City pursue with the sale of the parking property to Stockman Bank, with Board concerns regarding timing of the sale in light of the Downtown Library Facility Planning process and certainty about ownership transfer back to the City noted.

Approved unanimously

Ward/Rose

Facilities Planning Committee

Beaudry distributed a handout which included the proposed tasks and time line for the Downtown Library Facility Planning process. She noted that a kick-off meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17. Beaudry reported that the Committee will have a recommendation for an actual site and alternative sites ready for the October 18 Council Work session, followed by Council action at the October 20 Council meeting.

Adjournment 1:30 pm.