

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chair Shari Nault, 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: Jani McCall, City Councilmember; Mike Whitaker, PRPL Director; Mark Jarvis, PRPL Planner; Jon Thompson, Parks Superintendent; Tom Iverson, Chairman PRPL Board; Margy Bonner, PRPL Board; Rick DeVore, PRPL Board; Gary Gray, PRBL Board; Todd Royal, PRPL Board; Cara Schaer, Vice President Library Foundation; Chris Schmechel, Library Foundation; Ron Scoles, Library Foundation; Stella Fong, Library Foundation Capital Campaign Co-Chair; Mary Underriner, Library Foundation Capital Campaign Co-Chair; Suzanne McKiernan, Library Ballot Initiative Committee Co-Chair; P.J. Smith, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum.

**Public Comment**

McKiernan reported on the Library Ballot Initiative Committee work effort to date and the timing of the project. Fong noted the importance of the Trails System and the New Library Building project as well as the timing for each.

**Joint Meeting with Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Board**

Whitaker introduced DeVore and Bonner. DeVore gave a presentation on the City parks and the services they provide. He discussed funding needs and revenue shortfalls as well as the priority projects and costs. Bonner discussed the park city-wide special assessment district and the process for its creation.

Modrow gave a presentation on the New Library Building project and discussed the importance of the project as well as the process and costs associated with it.

Nault opened the meeting for discussion. Representatives of both the Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Board's assessment effort and the Library's new building effort expressed a desire to support each others' plans. After the discussion concluded, Nault recessed the Board meeting briefly so PRPL Board members and Parks staff could adjourn to another conference room to complete their meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

Nault noted that the High Plains Book Awards was going well.

Cochran reported that the State Public Library Standards annual report has been completed and is ready to be signed by the Board Chair for submittal.

MOTION: Direct Nault to sign the annual report.

Approved

Ward/Rose

MOTION: Approve consent agenda.  
Approved

Ward/Richardson

### **Nominating Committee for the Library Chair and Vice Chair positions**

Rose reported that the Committee has nominated Nault to continue as the Library Chair. Nault was approved by the Board. Rose asked to defer the nomination for the Vice Chair position. Ward reminded the Board that previously a representative from both the City and the County served in the positions.

### **New Library Building Project**

- Project update from Library Director
  - Land aggregation status – Cochran reported that three items regarding the land exchange are scheduled for the June 13 Council meeting.
    - Public hearing and land exchange agreement with the Billings Clinic.
    - Public hearing to vacate portion of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. and North 28<sup>th</sup> in exchange for Clinic property.
    - Public hearing and resolution for Stockman Bank property exchange.
- Report from Library Building Design Committee Co-Chair – Cochran noted the next Building Design Committee meeting was scheduled for June 14 followed by a public meeting from 2:30- 4:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Library. Will Bruder + Partners will present schematics of the new library and discuss costs for LEED certification.
- Library Art Committee – Cochran reported that the Library Building Design Committee discussed the possibility of creating a sub-committee to review what pieces of art would be displayed and/or commissioned at the new library building. The Board recommended that a sub-committee not be created and the issue should be addressed by the Library Building Design Committee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole.

### **Metrapark Re-opening Congratulations Letter to the Editor**

Nault noted that the Billings Cultural Partners have asked the Board to write a Congratulations Letter to the Editor.

MOTION: Authorize Nault to write a letter of congratulations.  
Approved

Rose/Quinn

Adjournment 1:45 pm