

September 8, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Vice-Chair Lloyd Mickelson, Sara Hudson, Lyn McKinney, Jennifer Quinn, Betty Richardson, Bernard Rose, Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Guests: Pat Bellinghausen, Billings Gazette.

Public Comment

Mickelson welcomed Bellinghausen.

As a private citizen, Rose reported that the Library Initiative Campaign has raised almost \$92,000 and still needs another \$30,000 to meet their goal.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve consent agenda to include a correction on page 2 of the minutes - the High Plains Book Awards banquet will be held October 15.

Approved

Rose/Quinn

New Library Building Project

- Project update from Foundation
 - Rose reported that the Capital Campaign has raised close to \$4.2 million in pledges and cash.
 - Cochran noted that several donors have made commitments for naming opportunities and that Leslie Modrow continues to make presentations to various groups and fund raising efforts.
- Project update from Library Director
 - Cochran noted that a formal submission of the ballot language is being submitted to the Elections office. He reported that the ballots will be mailed out to the voters October 19 and the returned ballots counted November 8.
 - Cochran reported that the architects will be back in Billings in mid-October to deliver the design development drawings. He noted that if the bond initiative passes the construction drawings and bid award are anticipated to be completed in the spring, followed by a ground breaking in June, the building opening in December 2013 and a grand opening after completion of the landscaping and parking lot, scheduled for the spring/summer of 2014.
- Report from Library Building Design Committee Co-Chair – Mickelson reported on the August 16 Building Design Full Committee and Subcommittees' meetings. He noted that the Library Building Design Committee will sponsor four public meetings to provide an update on the design process and solicit input. The meetings will be held:
 - Thursday, September 15, 7:00pm – South Side Neighborhood Task Force, Southside Senior Center.

- Tuesday, September 20, 7:00pm – West End Task Force, Faith Evangelical Church.
- Wednesday, September 28, 7:00pm – Rocky Mountain College Student Union Building, Selover Board Room.
- Tuesday, October 25, 7:00pm – Heights Community Development Task Force, CastleRock Middle School, Library.

Letter from Ms. Borges

- Response to Letter – Cochran reviewed the response letter sent to Ms. Borges.
- Richardson reported on the subcommittee's meeting to review the Library's patron conduct policy with City legal staff.

110th Anniversary Celebration

Redman reported that an open house will be held October 1 from 1:30-3:30 pm to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the library which opened October 1, 1901.

High Plains Book Awards Committee Report

Redman provided an update on the High Plains Book Awards banquet scheduled for October 15. She reported that the Emeritus Award will be awarded to Larry Woiwode. Redman noted that a reception will be held at the Yellowstone Art Museum on October 14.

Rose reported that he has taken on the coordination of the "One Book Billings" programs. He noted that the discussions will be held more often with the books selected in advance.

Adjournment 1:30 pm