

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017; 8:00 AM  
BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
136 S 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lowell Berg, Martha Florence, Herb Friedman, Lisa Hale, Donna Marvin, Herb Schimek, Carol Speicher, County Liaison Marcy Baker. A quorum was present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pat Leach, Library Director; Julee Hector, Assistant Library Director; Barbara Hansen, Administrative Aide; Paul Jones, Accountant; Julie Beno, Bennett Martin Public Library Public Services Coordinator; Brenda Ealey, Gere Branch Manager; Tammy Teasley, Support Services Coordinator; Gail McNair, Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Executive Director; Ed Tricker, Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries; Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney; Denise Pearce and Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; Dick and Brad Waters of Godfrey's Associates; David Lempke and James Walbridge, HDR, Inc.; Charlie Brogan, KFOR.

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by President Friedman. It was announced the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska was posted and available for inspection.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:** Lisa Hale was welcomed as a new board member. She is completing the term left vacant when Kathy McKillip resigned.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Friedman requested that the order of business be altered to move Item 12 Closed Session, to follow Item 3 Central Library Building Program Presentation. Marvin moved to approve the agenda as revised. Second by Schimek. Roll Call Vote: Berg, Florence, Friedman, Hale, Marvin, Schimek, Speicher - aye. Motion carried 7-0.

**CENTRAL LIBRARY BUILDING PROGRAM OVERVIEW:** Dick Waters of Godfrey's Associates explained their charge was to develop a building program without a specific site. Once a site is determined, the Building Program will need to be modified accordingly. The program kept in mind the City's Capital Improvement Program which lists a cost of \$50 million. The cost presented in the Building Program is a total project cost, from soup to nuts. Two levels of public service with one level for administrative staff and support services are recommended. Limiting public service to two levels is extremely important for function and operational costs. The operational costs are crucially important because those costs continue after capital costs have been retired. The building must be adaptable with few walls, small workstations, no big circulation or reference desks. Technologically it must be superior with all meeting spaces having sound and video capabilities. The user-friendly library will have no book stacks taller than the average adult, no bottom shelves near the floor, and will be barrier free and accessible by anybody.

David Lempke, HDR, discussed exterior design. Focus groups expressed needs for an iconic building which represents Lincoln, its history, and where it is heading. Iconic does not mean increased cost. Quality in terms of durability sets the cost and the architecture can influence that but does not mean you have to have an expensive building.

Brad Waters presented an overview of the final draft of the Central Library Building Program using a slide presentation. That presentation is appended to the minutes.

Dick Waters closed the presentation by stating that this building, properly located and designed, will stimulate significant economic growth in Lincoln, the Silicon Valley of the Prairie.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 8:31 a.m. Berg moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion of real estate and sites for the Central Library. Second by Schimek. Roll Call Vote: Florence, Freidman, Hale, Marvin, Schimek, Speicher, Berg - aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Friedman announced the meeting was going into closed session for the purpose of discussing real estate and asked that Rick Hoppe, Denise Pearce, Jeff Kirkpatrick, Ed Tricker, Gail McNair, and Pat Leach attend.

(Marvin left the meeting at the conclusion of the closed session.)

At 9:03 a.m. Schimek moved to return to open session. Second by Berg. Roll Call Vote: Friedman, Hale, Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence - aye; Marvin - absent. Motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Berg moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017, Library Board meeting as distributed. Second by Schimek. Roll Call Vote: Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence, Friedman - aye; Hale - abstain; Marvin - absent. The motion carried 5-0.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee on Administration** - No report.

**Committee on Buildings and Grounds** - Berg reported that the committee would be meeting later in the day to review the systemwide Facilities Plan for potential revision.

**Committee on Finance** - Speicher reported on the Recap of Expenditures for May 2017 listing claims in the amount of \$1,008,319.50 from all funds. Speicher moved approval of the report and payment of all claims. Second by Schimek. Roll Call Vote:

Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence, Friedman - aye; Hale - abstain, Marvin - absent.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Central Library** - No report.

**Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries** - McNair reported that the Book Nooks are doing so well that there is a plan to expand the Book Nook and Walt Branch and add an additional Book Nook at Gere Branch. The Wine and E Event brought in \$24,000 which was up substantially from the prior year. The Memorial Day Coffee on the Dock was attended by 200 people over the three hour event. A grant of \$3,300 has been received from the Dillon Foundation for technology items for teen space at Bennett Martin Public Library. Give to Lincoln Day raised \$22,100 for the library.

**One Book - One Lincoln** - It was announced that voting on the three finalists will close on July 31<sup>st</sup> with the winning title being announced on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Technology** - No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2017 State Aid Allocation** - Leach requested authorization to spend the 2017 State Aid allocation of \$53,892 for the following: technology \$5,000; staff conference attendance \$25,000; collections \$23,892. Schimek moved approval of the expenditure of State Aid funds as requested. Second by Berg. Roll Call Vote: Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Florence, Friedman, Hale - aye; Marvin - absent. Motion carried 6-0.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Leach reported that she has contacted City Council Chair Roy Christensen regarding the upcoming vacancy when Herb Schimek's term expires August 31<sup>st</sup>. The closing schedule for fiscal year 2017-18 was enclosed in the Board's packet, no action necessary.

Public appearances and networking continued during the month including a meeting with Journal Star reporter Nancy Hicks who is writing an article about the library, old and new. Leach has also been meeting a group of people from the community involved in innovation and entrepreneurship and how it relates to a new Central Library. Information will be shared as it develops.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.