

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016; 6:00 PM
GERE BRANCH LIBRARY
2400 S 56TH STREET
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

PRESENT: Herb Schimek, Donna Marvin, Kathy McKillip, Herb Friedman, Lowell Berg, County Representative Marcy Baker. **Absent:** Martha Florence, Carol Speicher. A quorum was present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Leach, Library Director; Barbara Hansen, Administrative Aide, Paul Jones, Accountant; Peter Jorgensen, Virtual Services Manager; Tammy Teasley, Support Services Coordinator; Julie Beno, Bennett Martin Public Library and South Branch Coordinator; Brenda Ealey, Gere Branch Manager; Gail McNair, Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Executive Director; Ed Tricker, Foundation Board Member; Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Friedman. It was announced that the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska was posted and available for inspection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Marvin moved to approve the agenda as posted. Second by Schimek. Roll Call Vote: Berg, Friedman, Marvin, McKillip, Schimek - aye; Florence, Speicher - absent. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on Administration - No report.

Committee on Buildings & Grounds - No report.

Committee on Finance: Marvin reported on the Recap of Expenditures report for July 2016 listing claims in the amount of \$817,733.29. Marvin moved approval of the report and payment of all claims. Second by Schimek. Roll Call Vote: Friedman, Marvin, McKillip, Schimek, Berg - aye; Florence, Speicher - absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Central Library Committee: Leach clarified the action taken at the July Board meeting was to proceed with the hiring of a firm to develop a building program, not the approval of a building program.

Central Library Initiative - No report.

Central Library Marketing - No report.

Foundation Executive Director: McNair reported presale tickets are available online for the 2016 book sale. The presale is Wednesday, October 26th. The sale continues Thursday through Sunday, October 27 through October 30th at the Lancaster County Event Center. McNair also reported that the book nooks have brought in \$13,000 over the past year which will be added to the book sale proceeds.

Lincoln Cares - No report.

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One Book - One Lincoln - Marvin reported that the interview and book discussion is now running on 5 City TV.

Technology - No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Keno Funds Proposal - Leach reported the amount of the 2016-2017 annual distribution of keno funds is \$669,900. Leach requested authorization for spending 20% of the funds (\$133,980) on technology, and 80% of the funds (\$535,920) on collections, both youth and adult, including the purchase of books, nonprint materials, and electronic resources. This 80/20 split mirrors action from previous years. Schimek moved to approve the keno funds proposal as presented. Second by Marvin. Roll Call Vote: Marvin, McKillip, Schimek, Berg, Friedman - aye; Absent: Speicher, Florence. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of ConnectED Memorandum of Understanding - Leach reported the Memorandum of Understanding formalizes the arrangement that staff from Lincoln Public Schools and Lincoln City Libraries has been working on which would provide a Lincoln City Libraries account to all Lincoln Public Schools students, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The project will start with three pilot schools, Norwood Park and McPhee Elementary Schools and Lefler Middle School.

Leach reported that the term of the agreement, currently drafted as five years, may be revised to read as a one year agreement with the option to renew.

Schimek moved approval of the Memorandum of Understanding. Second by McKillip. Roll Call Vote: McKillip, Schimek, Berg, Friedman, Marvin - aye; Florence, Speicher - absent.

Library Board Attendance at City Council Meetings - Schimek encouraged all Library Board members to attend a City Council meeting in September and comment to the Council during its public comment period. Friedman will work with Schimek to put together a delegation. Leach will verify dates and public comment opportunities.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Friedman reported that he will be joining LIBA to try to work from within to improve their point of view on a new Central Library. He encouraged other board members to do the same thing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Leach reviewed statistical reports that were prepared in response to questions Mayor Beutler asked during the budget process. The library has begun promoting Read Aloud 15 Minutes a Day. This is one way to be connected to the community and reinforce the importance of reading and the good work the library does. The ConnectED program also puts our good work in front of the community. As we approach a bond issue for a new library, it is important that the community knows what we do and its positive impact on the community. Leach reported that now that school is back in session, the Williams Branch Library hours will revert back to its school schedule of service after school hour and weekends. Leach announced that she will be doing a TED^x Lincoln talk on September 23rd, a talk about reading. This is a great audience and provides an opportunity good promotion.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Baker reported that she has been spending a lot of evenings at Gere Branch Library over the summer and wanted to give kudos to the staff of Gere Branch for its good work. She was able to observe their friendliness, helpfulness, especially those in the children's area. They are great.

CLOSED SESSION: Schimek moved the Board going into closed session at 6:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Central Library real estate information. Second by McKillip. Roll Call Vote: Schimek, Berg, Friedman, Marvin, McKillip - aye; Florence, Speicher - absent. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board went into closed session for the purpose of discussing Central Library real estate.

At 7:35 p.m. Schimek moved to return to open session. Second by Marvin. Roll Call Vote: Berg, Friedman, Marvin, McKillip, Schimek - aye; Florence, Speicher - absent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.