

DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Teena Zindel-McWilliams, president, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Members present: Mary Gendry, William Faber, Nicholette Rademacher, Jim Alpi, Carol Craig, and Eugene King. Absent: Darryl Barbee and Edward Costa. Staff present: Lee Ann Fisher and Karen Bjorkman. Others present: Noah Tipton, Harry Cook (BWC) and Mike Deatherage.

II. AGENDA:

Agenda was approved as presented.

III. MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Alpi and seconded by Mrs. Gendry to approve the minutes of August 20, 2009, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no communications from the public.

V. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Faber stated that he appreciates the city librarian's report and asked that it be added to the library web site.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Personnel, Policy, and Public Relations Committee:

No meeting in ~~September~~. OCT 14

Finance and Properties Committee:

No meeting in September.

Check register for July was presented for review.

Motion by Mr. King and seconded by Ms. Craig to approve the bills for August 2009 as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote of yes.

Rolling Prairie Library System:

No report as the library needs a representative to attend the meetings. Mrs. Zindel-McWilliams, president, asked for volunteers.

Friends of the Decatur Public Library:

Mrs. Bjorkman reported that the Friends will be purchasing access to Grant Station for the library.

Mrs. Gendry volunteered to be the liaison between the Library Board and the Friends of the Decatur Public Library.

Foundation:

No meeting is currently scheduled.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Alpi thanked Mr. Cook for coming to the meeting to discuss the asbestos-containing materials that had been discovered in the library annex. A testing firm was called in and the Air Quality was monitored and there is no contamination. EPA has been in to check on the library's progress and will make a decision at a later date. Mr. Alpi presented proposed plan to remove the asbestos located in some floor tiles, on 4 beams with sprayed-on fire retardant, the boiler, and some additional pipes that had previously been covered up would need to be removed. Several firms that specialize in asbestos removal will be contacted and the project will need to be bid.

Additional funds are needed for the Cultural Center Project by October 15, 2009, or the project will need to be postponed and redesigned.

Mr. Alpi stated that we need a long-range facilities plan to address the issues between the main library and the annex.

Motion by Mr. Alpi and seconded by Mr. King to proceed with the asbestos removal plan in the library annex and to engage BWC to do the design work and obtain bids from licensed asbestos design firm to do the work. Amend the current contract to include \$14,100 in contingency costs. Motion carried on a voice vote of yes.

Board directed Ms. Fisher with the assistance of Ed Booth to create an article for Connections publication to keep the public informed.

Mr. Alpi: the asbestos removal would leave the Cultural Center Project short of the current funds raised. The board asked Ms. Fisher to look into what the library needs for space and at the possibility of locating the Cultural Center on the second floor in the empty space in the main library.

Discussion followed as to what areas the library needed to develop toward services and spaces and how current services could be reallocated to provide a Senior Center, Teen Hangout and more space for growing departments.

Ms. Fisher was asked to provide direction to the board.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

IX. SERVING OUR LIBRARIES:

Review of the new Standards for Public Libraries was postponed until October, 2009.

X. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Rademacher and seconded by Mr. King to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bjorkman
Assistant City Librarian