

Library Committee

Minutes

March 18, 2008

Present: Grant, Hobart, James, Manning, Mossel, Randle, Rose, Rothstein, Ryan, Rorabaugh, Sobers, Gifford, and Fields

Absent: None

Chair Luanne Rothstein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m. at City Hall. Susan Grant moved supported by Dale Hobart to approve the minutes of March 5, 2008, with a correction in the first paragraph changing 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on the second page - fourth paragraph the word suppose to supposed. Motion carried.

Chair Luanne Rothstein asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. There were none.

Mayor Mark Warba gave a brief talk about the subsidy of the Library through the City's General Fund. He reported that differences need to be set aside. There are financial challenges for our Community Library. He remains optimistic about the Library Committee and the future of the Community Library.

Chair Luanne Rothstein asked each sub-committee for a progress report.

Visiting Committee – A visit has been scheduled to visit the Mount Pleasant Library on April 14th. Anyone is welcome to join the sub-committee members.

Architectural Committee – City staff is in the process of drawing up an RFP (Request for Proposal) to hire an architect and a library consultant. The RFPs will go out in the next couple of weeks and staff is looking at a July time frame.

Media Committee – Carleen reported that Sunny 97 would do a talk show after each of our meetings. She has also met with staples and is working on

the proof of a picture to use for a poster in order to keep everyone updated on the progress of the Library Committee.

Finance Committee – Lynn handed out financial information that included an analysis of revenues for the last six years, a current monthly budget with revenues and expenditures, and a re-cap of the Library Improvement Fund. Dale would still like to see how much is coming from each household or a per capita number. Lynn and Gaylynn are still working on that request.

Steve reported that the report asked for from FTCH is not available yet and provided the committee with a list of City owned properties. The Library sits on approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. He has also generated a list of other available properties that include about 300 parcels.

Mark Gifford reported that the current Library building could be used for public housing, professional offices, and possibility a museum. The public housing is the most realistic.

Gaylynn handed out some information on choosing an architect. She also made a comment that the Library Board itself will have to weigh in on the committee's recommendations at some point in time.

Mayor Warba made a few more comments. He did not intend to put a cloud over the committee with his financial comments. He would also like to see more involvement with the townships and suggested township meetings. He will make himself available to the finance sub-committee for such township meetings.

Judy from the audience asked if a sheet could be passed around and asked if people would sign in at each meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m. and the next two meetings will be at 8:00 a.m. on April 9th and 7:00 p.m. on April 22nd.