

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Vanessa Hill at 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2008 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Susan Hamilton, Jean Kreamer and Kay Theunissen. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. Bruce Conque was also in attendance. Board members Trista Badeaux and Mark Tullos were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kay Theunissen moved to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jean Kreamer and all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director's report, financial report and 07/08 year end statistics were distributed.

The Friends of the Library recently held a fundraiser by gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. Ms. Dombourian noted that the activity in the store in the late evening included a large number of customers in the store that were browsing, using the café, studying, etc. The Southside library also remained open late on Saturday, December 13th in conjunction with a holiday event in the Time Plaza center.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

Ms. Dombourian spoke briefly about the bond issue. Jerry Osborne (LCG's bonding attorney) has stated that the government is in a very favorable position to sell bonds for capital projects. LCG may ask voters in April to approve the issuance of \$26 million in bonds to fund road and bridge improvements at no increase in the debt service mill rate. If voters approve, these bonds would likely be sold in summer or fall 2009. The library bond sale to fund Main will likely be scheduled to coincide with those bonds.

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian reported that the compressor at North Regional has been replaced and is working properly. Information on North Regional was submitted to *Library Journal* and will appear in the December 15, 2008 issue on library architecture.

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Dombourian attended a meeting at South Regional to discuss the tree feature for the children's department. The contractor has nearly completed the construction punch list. The date for acceptance of the building is being determined by Public Works so that access can be limited to authorized personnel only. Some of the furniture has begun to be delivered and installed including the modular furniture in the staff workroom, management offices, public computer area and technology labs. Shelving and the remaining furniture is expected to be delivered in mid-January. As the lease on the Southside branch library in Time Plaza will expire on February 15th, Ms. Dombourian contacted the landlord to determine if extending the lease until the end of March 2009 might be possible. Dates for a tour for library board members were suggested and after discussion, a tour was set for Monday, December 22nd at 2 p.m. The landscaping contractor has received the contract and LCG is awaiting the return of the completed documents and insurance requirements. When received, a notice to proceed will be issued.

MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

Ms. Dombourian demonstrated the revised drawings/fly-by of the Main Library which depicts colors and carpeting in some areas of the library. The drawings also included the plans for the columns in the new children's department. A local artist has been contacted to provide a mural for the story castle. Meetings will be scheduled with Public Works engineer Larry Broussard to discuss the budget in January. If all is in order, a special meeting will be called in

late January or presentation will be made during the February board meeting to the library board and building committee.

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

A meeting was held with Mark Lavergne and Charles Beazley to discuss the scope of the work and contract for the East Regional Library. The contract will include a request for the architect to investigate the suitability of the Fabacher Field site and make recommendations to the Library Board regarding siting options. The contract is being drafted and reviewed.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair. The landscaping report was provided during the construction updates.

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair, no report.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair, stated that the committee may have a draft report to present in January or February.

Site Selection: Mark Tullos, chair, not present.

Mission Statement: Vanessa Hill / Sona Dombourian, co-chairs, no report.

Donor Opportunities: Kay Theunissen, chair, stated that efforts to complete the cooperative agreement with the Library Foundation may occur in January.

East Regional Architect Selection: Pat Logan, chair, no report.

Small Libraries Opportunities: Trista Badeaux, chair, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY MEETING ROOM POLICY

The Library Board was asked to consider a revision to the existing library meeting room policy to prohibit food and drink, except bottled water, in the library auditorium and computer labs and other areas as designated by the Library Director. On a motion from Dr. Kreamer, the meeting room policy was amended to replace 'Groups and individuals may have snacks, drinks and light meals (sandwiches, boxed lunches) in the Library's meeting rooms' with 'Groups and individuals may have snacks and light meals (sandwiches, boxed lunches) in the Library's designated meeting rooms. Only bottled water is permitted in certain library meeting spaces, including auditoriums and technology labs. Similar restrictions may be made as necessary by the Library Director'. The motion was seconded by Kay Theunissen and all were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Dombourian initiated a dialogue regarding the type of celebration for the upcoming grand opening of the South Regional Library envisioned by the Library Board. Several ideas were discussed and an offer was extended by Dr. Kreamer to assist as needed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary