

**Columbia Library District
Minutes, Meeting of November 15, 2007**

Board members present were Tom Richards, President; Susan Breyfogle; Rosie Gerding; Jim Loveless; David McDonald; MaryEllen Sievert; and David Webber. Marie Glaze and Lynn Hostetler were absent.

Also present were Melissa Carr, Director; and Elinor Barrett, Connie Bush, Kris Farris, Mike Mullett, Jim Smith, and Lauren Williams, DBRL staff.

Call to Order

Richards called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library.

Approval of Minutes

Gerding moved, McDonald seconded, approval of the minutes from September 13, 2007 and September 19, 2007. The motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Director's Report

Carr reported that staff had received several compliments about the library this week, including one mother and daughter who said the daughter was basing her graduate school choice between MU and Iowa State on the quality of the public libraries near those campuses. After visiting the CPL, the daughter reported that she is choosing MU.

Financial Report of the Columbia Library District Capital Project

Smith said that on page 6 of the report the \$810 service charge is the annual fee to UMB for the escrow accounts and the trust services for the bond issues, including the advanced refunding of bonds.

CY 2008 Debt Service Fund Budget

There was no public comment on the CY 2008 Debt Service Fund Budget.

Smith said that the final draft of the CY 2008 Debt Service Fund Budget is exactly the same as the preliminary budget except for the interest income line item. Smith said he lowered the projection for this line, which decreased the fund balance a small amount. Smith said he felt like this revised fund balance would still be sufficient.

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Sievert moved, Loveless seconded, approval of the CY 2008 Debt Service Fund Budget. The motion passed.

Facility Update

Barrett reported that Allstate Consultants forwarded their drawings for the proposed parking lot revisions to Bottino this week. Once Bottino has reviewed the drawings, Barrett said the next step will be to forward all of the information to the contractor for pricing. With the holidays coming up, Barrett said she was not sure that there would be any new information to discuss with the board at its December meeting.

Sievert moved, McDonald seconded, to cancel the December 13 meeting unless the need for a meeting arises. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Carr reported that on Tuesday evening there had been an attempted purse snatching in the south parking lot. She said that while the police haven't connected this incident to the robberies at the ARC and Hy-Vee on the same evening, the descriptions of the people involved and the activities are similar. Carr said that the library has increased the frequency of the security officers' patrols of the parking lots and has asked staff to use the buddy system when leaving the building. Barrett added that the woman involved in the incident did not want to report it to the police, but the library did report it.

Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Gerding moved, Sievert seconded, to adjourn, and Richards adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Lauren Williams, Executive Assistant.

Board Secretary