Boone County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of May 10, 2007

Call to Order

Lauffer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Board members present were Tiff Lauffer, President; Terri Brunner; and Jessica Robinson. Linda Dellsperger and Pat Powell were absent.

Also present were Melissa Carr, Director; Kris Farris and Lauren Williams, DBRL staff; Patsy Craghead and Tom Richards, DBRL Board members; Sara Semelka, Columbia Daily Tribune; David Laurence, Hallsville Top; and John Schloot, Rose Schloot, Shelly Worden, Suzanne Stillwell, Susan Daly, and Chad Sayre, members of the public. Jim Smith and Melanie Henry, DBRL Staff; and David Webber and Marie Glaze, DBRL Board members, were present for the first portion of the meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Robinson moved, Brunner seconded, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2007. The motion passed.

Presentation by Hallsville Residents

Lauffer welcomed and introduced Susan Daly, Hallsville School Board Member. Daly thanked the board for the opportunity to present the idea of opening a library in Hallsville. She described the demographics of Hallsville as reported in the 2000 census, including population, residents’ ages, education, and professions. She compared these numbers to Ashland’s, saying that she felt the numbers were very comparable to Ashland’s when the library branch opened there.

Daly said the board should consider a Hallsville library branch because the town is a fast-growing area of the region with a diverse population and active community. She said that the current commute time from Hallsville to the Columbia Public Library is well over twenty minutes. She said that community members would like a library branch close to the school, which she called the hub of the community. She said consistent hours would be important as would a partnership with the school district to enhance the curriculum. She said she felt a library would improve the quality of life of all citizens who desire to be life-long learners.
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Daly shared a possible location for a branch library in an old craftsman-style house adjacent to the school, which a local developer is willing to add on to and update to make an approximately 3,100 square-foot ADA compliant space.

Daly introduced Chad Sayre, owner of the house and adjacent tract of land, who described his plans for making this house the centerpiece of a unique strip of businesses. He showed a conceptual design of what the strip of shops might look like. He suggested that the upper floor of the house could be converted into a themed reading room for teenagers and also provide storage and office space. In response to a board member’s question, Sayre said he envisioned a sandwich shop, ice cream shop, and other similar businesses to be in the spaces adjacent to the proposed library. He said he would be willing to use the board’s input and take into account the library’s needs when creating the floor plan for the space.

Daly shared a letter signed by the Sturgeon Chamber of Commerce saying they were in support of opening a library in Hallsville.

Brunner asked about the square footage of the proposed library space, and Sayre said that the new addition would probably be about 1,100 square feet and the first floor of the existing house has about 2,000 square feet, for a total of approximately 3,100 square feet.

Lauffer asked about Sayre’s anticipated lease cost, and Sayre said that it would depend on how the lease was interpreted and the true cost of the ramps and other accessibility modifications needed. He said that he thought the cost would be in the range of $.75 - $1.05 a square foot, but his goal would be to have the cost fall between $.80 and $.90 per square foot. He added that there would be an annually assessed common area maintenance fee of $1.00 to $1.30 per square foot. Sayre offered to give the board a tour of the house and area if they were interested, and he also brought up the idea of a letter of intent.

Craghead asked if the school had a library, and Suzanne Stillwell said that they have three school libraries, and the new primary school will also have a library.

Daly thanked the board again for the opportunity to speak with them and asked the board to contact her about the next steps and continuing the discussion about library services in Hallsville. Board members thanked Daly and the other citizens of Hallsville for coming and sharing their ideas.

Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss

Public Comment

There was no public comment.
Adjournment

Robinson moved, Brunner seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and Lauffer adjourned the meeting at 6:41 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Lauren Z. Williams, Executive Assistant.

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Board Secretary