Columbia Library District  
Minutes, Meeting of June 11, 2009

Board members present were Tom Richards, President; Susan Breyfogle; Rosie Gerding; Jacob Thorne; and MaryEllen Sievert. Lynn Hostetler, Jim Loveless, David McDonald, and David Webber were absent. There was a quorum.

Also present were Melissa Carr, Director; and Elinor Barrett, Kris Farris, Marlene Gile, Melanie Henry and Jim Smith, DBRL staff.

Call to Order

Richards called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Gerding stated Mike Vangel’s name is misspelled in the April 16, 2009 minutes, and that he is part of the Columbia Special Business District, not the Downtown Business District.

Sievert moved to accept the April 16, 2009 minutes with the suggested changes. Breyfogle seconded. The motion passed.

Director’s Report

Carr reported two Columbia Library District (CLD) board members would not be returning for 2009-2010. Lynn Hostetler served nine years and is no longer eligible to re-apply. Jim Loveless has chosen not to reapply. Carr stated that Hostetler and Loveless have both been great board members and she is sorry to see them go. She also asked the CLD board to encourage others to apply for the open positions.

Carr stated the library was represented at the Safety Blowout on Saturday, June 7.


Jim Smith reported the last project for the Capital Project Fund - the additional lighting in the stacks on the second floor – is scheduled to begin Monday, June 15, 2009. After the lighting project is completed, the CLD Board will close the Capital Project Fund.
Nominating Committee

Sievert reported that the CLD Nominating Committee met on May 14, 2009 to discuss the slate of officers for the 2009-2010 year. The proposed slate is:

- President: David Webber
- Vice President: MaryEllen Sievert
- Secretary/Warrant Officer: Rosie Gerding

ACTION: Breyfogle moved to accept the proposed slate as presented. Thorne seconded and the motion passed.

2008 South Parking Lot Changes

Sievert stated that she believes the changes made to the south parking lot in 2008 have not been as successful as hoped. Sievert feels there is not a large distinction between the parking lot pavement and the stone used for the crosswalk. Richards agreed the plaza does not stand out in the manner he imagined and that many people are still crossing the entire parking lot in order to use the stairs.

Barrett reported that she has monitored these changes in the south parking lot and patrons’ behavior before and after the changes were implemented. She stated that she has observed many more people use the wheelchair ramp instead of the stairs. The narrowing of aisle one has helped slow traffic down, too, and the new banners assist in drawing more patrons to park in the north lot.

Barrett reported that two signs are being ordered for the south lot: “Pull ahead for pickup/drop off” and “Pickup/drop off here” to help with congestion near the stairs spilling onto Garth.

Sievert stated that the benches are a bit modern and wondered if anyone realized they were benches. Richards reported the vines at the wheelchair ramp are flourishing on one side and not the other. Barrett said she would look into that. Thorne suggested painting lines at the crosswalk to help draw people’s attention.

Unfinished Business

Richards updated the board on the outcome of the Downtown Tax Increment Finance (TIF) meeting. Richards stated Mike Vangel of the Columbia Special Business District represents the Columbia Public Library, as well as Boone County Family Resources. Richards and Carr met with Vangel to discuss the proposals and ask questions. After board discussion it was decided that since the library was not greatly affected either way, the board would not take a stand and would remain neutral. Because the TIF passed the committee, it will go to the city council for action.
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New Business

There was no new business.

Miscellaneous

Carr thanked Richards for serving as CLD president for the past two years.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Sievert moved, Thorne seconded to adjourn. Richards adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Marlene Gile, DBRL staff.

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Board Secretary