Columbia Library District
Minutes, Meeting of November 12, 2009

Board members present were David Webber, President; Susan Breyfogle; Rosie Gerding; Jim Jones; David McDonald; Tom Richards; and MaryEllen Sievert. Julie Baka and Jacob Thorne were absent.

Also present were Melissa Carr, Director; Elinor Barrett, Kris Farris, Aimée Leonhard, Jim Smith, and Lauren Williams, DBRL staff.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

There being no changes or corrections, the minutes of August 20, 2009 stand approved as written.

Director’s Report

There was no director’s report at this time.

Quarterly Building Fund Report

Smith offered to take questions on the Building Fund Report

Financial Reports of the Columbia Library District Capital Project

Smith said that page one of the October report shows a balance of $0. If the board approves the budget amendment, to be discussed later, then the Capital Project Fund will be officially closed. Carr requested that the board authorize changing the frequency of the distribution of the Capital Project Fund financial reports, perhaps with reports distributed in February and again before setting the tax rate in August. Board members suggested changing the reporting frequency for the Building Fund as well.

ACTION: McDonald moved to change the frequency of the Capital Project Fund and the Building Fund reports to two times per year. Sievert seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Capital Project Fund Budget Amendment

Smith said that the final arbitrage report cost more than anticipated, which required the reversal of $490 of the transfer of funds to Debt Service. The Capital Project Fund Budget Amendment reflects this, showing a decrease in the Transfer to Debt Service Interest line.

ACTION: McDonald moved approval of the Capital Project Fund Budget Amendment. Sievert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CY 2010 CLD Debt Service Fund Budget

Smith explained that the proposed 2010 Debt Service Fund Budget shows a small change from the preliminary budget, with revenue decreasing slightly. In response to a question, he said that compared to the preliminary budget, the tax revenue line decreased approximately $1,800 and the Interest Income line decreased $290.

ACTION: Gerding moved approval of the CY 2010 Debt Service Fund Budget. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Recommendation for Acceptance of Artwork

Barrett said that the library has been offered several pieces of art. The Citizen’s Art Advisory Committee did not meet but recommended acceptance of these works by an email vote. Barrett explained that the piece by Kelly Coalier, depicting the Columbia Public Library, was discussed in a previous Art Committee meeting as a piece it would be nice to have in the library’s collection, and the rest are Andy Tau photographs that go with the collection we already have thanks to the Columbia Art League (CAL). Leonhard stated that these gifts are unrestricted. Some of the Andy Tau photographs are from the collection of the late David Hume, gifted to the library by his children. She stated that the photographs vary in quality, but they add to our understanding of the artist, and she is delighted to have them. In response to a question, Leonhard stated that the library already has 60 Tau photographs from the CAL’s permanent collection.

ACTION: Sievert moved, Breyfogle seconded, to approve the Art Committee’s recommendation to accept the donations of 38 photographs by Andy Tau and 1 pen and ink drawing with watercolor wash by Kelly Coalier.

In response to a question, Leonhard confirmed that the library currently has space to house these additional photographs, and accepting them won’t be a burden on her time. She stated that if the library decides not to keep all of them, we can certainly disperse them as we see fit. She confirmed that acceptance of these gifts results in no additional costs to the library. The board discussed the possibility of reproducing the Coalier piece, perhaps selling prints or other items at Friends of the Library book sales. The motion passed.
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New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Miscellaneous

In response to a question, Barrett said she would be reporting on parking lot construction progress at the DBRL Board meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Webber adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Lauren Williams, DBRL staff.

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Board Secretary