Columbia Library District
Minutes, Meeting of June 10, 2010

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

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

Call to Order

Sievert called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Sievert asked for changes or corrections to both sets of minutes from February 11, 2010. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as written.

Director’s Report

Carr announced that the Columbia Downtown Leadership Council is conducting planning charrettes, with a lecture and a public meeting tomorrow (June 11) at Columbia College. She offered more information for interested board members and stated that she planned to attend some of the future planning events. Richards added that the intersection of Broadway and Providence is a focus of the planning, and Sievert stated that the area being discussed includes the library.

Final Columbia Library District Capital Project Fund Report

There were no questions on the final report.


Smith explained that since the Capital Project Fund is closed, staff will now provide just the Debt Service Fund report.

Financial Reports of the Columbia Library District Building Fund Report

Smith stated that on page two in the January – May 2010 report there is a negative amount in the checking account interest line. He explained that the account is not earning enough interest to
cover the fees. Smith reported that he, Carr and Diana Buckner discussed whether or not a checking account was still suitable for this fund and investigated other options. Staff recommends changing this account from an interest bearing checking account to a money market fund to eliminate the monthly fees. Carr stated that the account is seldom used, and Smith said that the money market account’s limit of five transactions per month would be more than adequate. He confirmed that the account has a balance of approximately $9,000. In response to a question, Smith stated that there is no good mechanism for transferring this money back to the account held by the City of Columbia.

ACTION: Gerding moved to authorize staff to close the Building Fund interest bearing checking account and to open a Building Fund money market account to receive the transfer of funds. Thorne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee

ACTION: Richards presented the slate of officers nominated by the committee for the 2010-2011 board year:

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

There were no additional nominations from the floor. The slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote. Richards commented that the election of these board members for a second term was consistent with the board’s practice in the recent past.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Miscellaneous

Sievert commented that this evening she observed people crossing from the east end of the south lot to use the crosswalk and ramp instead of heading up the stairs.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.
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Adjournment

Baka moved, Thorne seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed and Sievert adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Lauren Williams, DBRL Staff

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Board Secretary