Columbia Library District
Minutes, Meeting of January 13, 2011

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

Also present were Director Melissa Carr and DBRL staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke, Aimee Leonhard, Jim Smith and Mitzi St. John. Les Wagner, Executive Director of Boone County Family Resources, and Jessica Robinson, Boone County Library District Trustee, were present during portions of the meeting.

Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
Webber called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library. A quorum of members was present. Webber introduced the new Board Member, Philip Harrison.

Approval of Minutes
Webber asked for changes or corrections to the minutes from November 11, 2010. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as written.

Wagner entered the meeting.

TIF Update
Carr reminded the board that she had emailed them with some ‘quick facts’ on the current TIF project, as well as an article called ‘TIF 101’ published by the Missouri Municipal League.

Wagner introduced himself and noted that he is the current representative to the TIF Commission for Boone County Family Resources, the Special Business District and the Columbia Library District.

Robinson entered the meeting.

Wagner described the Regency Hotel project and the potential benefits to the city and each political district. He mentioned that a five-story parking garage may be needed to serve the east side of Downtown, and Carr clarified that a garage is not part of the current TIF project.

Breyfogle asked what benefit the hotel project is expected to bring the community. Carr stated that if the TIF is approved, the library will receive personal property tax and the current amount of real estate property tax income. All additional real estate property tax income is part of the TIF for up to 23 years. Wagner noted that the current property will likely devalue if the Regency Hotel remains in its current form.

Sievert entered the meeting.

ACTION: Richards moved, Baka seconded endorsing the current TIF Commission project. The motion passed.

Wagner left the meeting.

Request to Use Foundation Funds
Carr referred Trustees to the informational memo in their packet. She noted that DBRL funds are not used to purchase, conserve or maintain art for the library. However, Foundation money can be used for such projects.
ACTION: Baka moved, McDonald seconded authorizing the Foundation to utilize funds held by the Foundation for the Columbia Library District to assess and maintain the Cypher sculptures not to exceed $25,000.

Richards asked if the scope of the assessment is known. Barrett replied that most of the assessment has been carried out, but the integrity of the welded joints will need to be assessed by welding professionals. The maintenance of the sculpture will include repairs deemed necessary after the assessments, as well as some touch-ups to the paint. Jones asked if the maintenance and repair of Cypher will be an on-going issue. Barrett said that she assumes it will be, and that was discussed when the decision was made to purchase the sculptures. The maintenance will not be needed annually, however. Jones expressed an interest in bronze sculptures that he had seen on a recent trip and noted they are well suited for outdoor installations.

ACTION: The motion passed.

Citizens’ Art Advisory Committee Report

Barrett gave a brief history of Gay Bumgarner, whose photographic prints are being offered to the library. The Citizens’ Art Advisory Committee recommended that the CLD accept the donation of 9 to 11 photographic prints pending the letter of agreement between the library and Bumgarner’s daughter, Sharon McDonnell, that documents the terms of agreement giving the library the right to display and use the photographs for educational purposes and promotions. Leonhard added that all of the photos were taken in Boone County, and she displayed a print of the sun setting in spring behind dogwood branches. Barrett stated that there are no new storage or maintenance costs associated with accepting this gift. She clarified that McDonnell will retain copyright of the prints, but the images would be available for the library to reproduce on items such as brochures as long as the items were for educational or promotional purposes and not for sale.

ACTION: Sievert moved, Harrison seconded accepting the donation of 9 to 11 photographic prints pending the letter of agreement between the library and Sharon McDonnell that documents the terms of agreement giving the library the right to display and use the photographs for educational purposes and promotions.

Richards asked if the library turns down offers of donated art. Barrett explained that the library occasionally receives proposed donations of decorative items that are not brought to the committee for consideration if staff do not feel they are of high enough quality or have the appropriate significance to be added to the collection. Leonhard added that such pieces are either returned to the owners or sold via the Friends of the Columbia Public Library.

ACTION: The motion passed.

Barrett stated that another photo was offered as a donation by staff member Stephanie Thompson. The donated piece is a photo taken by local photographer Lana Eklund of Stephanie’s assemblage: a stack of books that is embellished with small trees, houses and “clouds” to look like a mountain. The image has previously been used as the cover artwork for “Center: A Journal of the Literary Arts” Volume 9, 2010 (a journal of the University of Missouri Department of English.) The Citizens’ Art Advisory Committee recommended that the CLD accept the donation of the photographic print of the assemblage by Stephanie Thompson, pending a letter of agreement between the library, the photographer and Thompson that documents the terms of agreement giving the library the right to display and use the photographs for the purposes desired by DBRL.
ACTION: Sievert moved, Harrison seconded accepting the photographic print pending a letter of agreement between the library, the photographer and Thompson that documents the terms of agreement giving the library the right to display and use the photographs for the purposes desired by DBRL. The motion passed.

Leonhard left the meeting.

Financial Reports

Smith presented the Preliminary December Financial Reports of the CLD Debt Service and the CLD Building Fund, as well as the Debt Service Warrant.

ACTION: Harrison moved, Sievert seconded approval of the Debt Service Warrant. The motion passed.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Webber adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL Staff

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Rosie Gerdin, Board Secretary