Columbia Library District  
Minutes, Meeting of February 16, 2012

Board members present were Rosie Gerding, President; Julie Baka; Susan Breyfogle; Lisa Groshong; Jim Jones; MaryEllen Sievert and David Webber. Phil Harrison and Tom Richards were absent. Also in attendance were Wes Bolton of Allstate Engineering, DBRL Director Melissa Carr and staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke, Melanie Henry, Russ Niermeyer, Jim Smith and Mitzi St. John.

**Call to Order**
Gerding called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. in the Virginia G. Young Room of the Columbia Public Library.

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**
A quorum of members was present.

**Public Comment**
There was no comment from the public in attendance.

**Old Business**

**CPL South Parking Lot:** Bolton displayed an alternate lot configuration that was developed following the meeting of February 13. The alternate configuration locates the speed table/pedestrian crossing at the west side of the north end of the first aisle and eliminates two parking spaces next to the stairs so that pedestrians are able to cross to a curb. The south drive would be widened to 30 feet and the curve of the drive would be diminished.

Sievert asked if the current landscaping would impede the sightlines of drivers entering and exiting via the south drive, and Bolton stated that a tree on the north side of that drive may need to be cut back or relocated to create optimal sightlines.

Webber asked if, in the alternate configuration in which the north end of the first aisle is not closed off, there is anything to keep drivers from turning left at the top of that aisle. Bolton said that the truck apron would be designed to discourage any traffic movement except for travel toward the exit, and signs could be incorporated to indicate ‘right turn only’ at the north end of the first aisle. Bolton added that, in the alternate configuration, a looping pattern may develop by way of the first aisle and Garth Avenue, and patrons would also likely pull up in front of the stairs to drop off passengers. Furthermore, pedestrians could not be ‘channelized’ as well in this scenario, compared to the configuration approved on February 13, in which the first aisle is a dead end for vehicles. Bolton noted that fencing or landscaping might be used to channel pedestrians to the crosswalk in the approved configuration.

**ACTION:** Webber moved to amend the motion recommending the entrance modifications to the full Board of Trustees by including the design for the wider south drive in the plans. Baka seconded.

Breyfogle suggested that the benefits noted in the board’s informational memo be emphasized to the public, especially that the ability of vehicles to turn in to the lot and stop in front of the stairs, as well as vehicles stacking on Garth Avenue, will be eliminated. Groshong said that the drawbacks outweigh the advantages. She suggested we address the problem with directional landscaping and an awareness campaign.

**ACTION:** A vote was taken by show of hands. The motion passed 4-2.

Carr asked the board for their direction regarding the inclusion of a sidewalk alongside the reconfigured south drive. The board agreed that they did not want to include a sidewalk.
Webber asked if mass emails are allowed under the Sunshine Laws.

**Miscellaneous**
There was no miscellaneous business.

**Public Comment**
No members of the public were in attendance.

**Adjournment**
There being no further business, Gerding adjourned the meeting at 5:58 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL staff.

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Jim Jones, Board Secretary