Columbia Library District  
Minutes, Meeting of February 14, 2013

Board members present were Rosie Gerding, President; Julie Baka; Susan Breyfogle; John French; Lisa Groshong; Phil Harrison; Jim Jones; MaryEllen Sievert and David Webber. Also present were DBRL Director Melissa Carr and staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke, Pat Kopp and Jim Smith.

Call to Order
Gerding called the meeting to order at 6:18 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
No members of the public were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes
Hearing no changes, Gerding declared the minutes of November 15, 2012 approved as written.

CLD Debt Service Fund
The Trustees reviewed the Preliminary December Financial Report of the CLD Debt Service Fund. Smith noted that the Cash in Custody shows sufficient funds to pay the Debt Service Warrant. In response to a question from Gerding, Smith stated that if any figures are changed as a result of the City of Columbia December report, those will be adjusted for the final report.

CLD Building Fund
The Trustees reviewed the Preliminary December Financial Report of the CLD Building Fund. Smith noted that he anticipates the Investment Interest will decrease for the final report, but no investment principal will be lost.

Approval of the Debt Service Warrant
Smith stated that the warrant is used to transfer money from funds invested with the City of Columbia to the CLD Debt Service checking account in order to make the semi-annual debt payment. Gerding noted that there are always funds in reserve about equal to one year’s debt payment. Carr added that this means the last tax bill will be issued in 2016, which will fund the 2017 debt payment, and the 2018 final payment will be paid with funds in reserve.

ACTION: Sievert moved, Groshong seconded approving the Debt Service Warrant in the amount of $1,494,875 for transferal of funds to make the debt payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
South Parking Lot: Carr noted that the sign at the bottom of the stairs was damaged and will be replaced with a sign with firmer wording to discourage patrons in vehicles from stopping there. A second arrow will be painted on the north drive to make it clear that it is both an entrance and an exit. The PR staff are designing a banner to draw patrons to the ramp but have not yet determined specific wording. Staff also plan to highlight the ramp with temporary stencils or signs that coordinate with programs or events. In response to a question from Gerding, Carr stated that the crosswalk was painted at the bottom of the stairs at the recommendation of the engineer in order to funnel pedestrians from the parking spaces across the drive at one location.
Webber expressed his dissatisfaction with the crosswalk and his concern that vehicle back-up onto Garth will be made worse due to the crosswalk. He stated his frustration that no improvement has been made in traffic and pedestrian flow and safety, considering the amount of time the Board has spent on the topic.

**New Business**
The Trustees reviewed the 2013 budget for donations received from the Friends of the Columbia Public Library. Smith stated that funds will be apportioned to the Summer Reading and One Read programs, materials purchases and the administration of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in Columbia. In addition, current 2013 funds and funds saved from 2012 are presented as part of this year’s funding for making improvements to the New Books area at CPL later this year.

**ACTION:** Jones moved, Sievert seconded adopting the 2013 Budget for the Friends of the Columbia Public Library Donation. The motion passed unanimously.

**Miscellaneous**
Gerding noted that she is now representing the CLD and other taxing districts except the Columbia Public Schools on the TIF commission for the new Broadway hotel. She took the place of Les Wagner of Boone County Family Resources upon his retirement. The project was approved over a year ago.

In response to a question from French, Gerding stated that the board is made up of representatives of affected tax districts and exists for the 23-year life of the project. The board must approve the project. Carr added that the library district will not receive less funding due to the TIF project, but will not receive any increased tax revenue from the property for 23 years. Jones expressed his concern about the viability of a project that would not work but for receiving TIF assistance. Gerding noted that TIF assistance may allow a developer to produce a higher quality project that has a better possibility of success than a lower quality, non-TIF-assisted project.

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

**Adjournment**
There being no further business, Gerding adjourned the meeting at 5:52 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL staff.