Columbia Library District
Minutes, Meeting of October 15, 2015

Board members present were Lisa Groshong, President; John French; Phil Harrison; Lynn Hostetler; Brouck Jacobs; Kate Markie; Gena Scott and Khaki Westerfield. Julie Baka was absent.

Also present were DBRL Director Melissa Carr and staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke, Angela Scott, Jim Smith and Mitzi St. John.

Call to Order
Groshong called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Public Comment
There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes
Hearing no corrections, Groshong declared the minutes from August 13, 2015 approved as written.

New Business
Barrett stated that the City of Columbia (City) plans to install 18 new bus shelters at 14 locations with funding from a Community Development Block Grant and a match from the local Transportation Sales Tax. The City Council is holding a public hearing on the topic on Monday, October 19. Carr and a representative of the CLD Board will attend to convey the Board’s opinion on the project. The new bus shelter would be larger and include artwork and lighting. The City is requesting an easement for the property the bus shelter occupies. However, some other landowners are asking to enter a Memo of Understanding for the temporary use of the land, rather than granting a permanent easement.

The Trustees discussed their preference for library-related artwork on a bus shelter that sits directly in front of the Columbia Public Library, as well as lighting and security matters.

ACTION: Hostetler moved, Harrison seconded a motion to convey to the City Council that the CLD Board of Trustees is satisfied with the existing bus shelter and, rather than spending money on another shelter for this location, would like the City to consider using the funds designated for the proposed shelter at the library for another location where there is a greater need. If the City can upgrade the existing shelter to add the lighting and artwork, the CLD Board would like to be involved in that process. If the City wishes to replace the existing shelter, the Board would like to enter into a Memo of Understanding with the City for the property needed for the bus shelter. Whether the current structure or a new structure is used, the library would like to be involved in the design of the artwork for the shelter.

The board discussed potential negative ramifications of turning down grant funding from the City.

ACTION: The motion passed.

Miscellaneous
There was no miscellaneous business.

Public Comment
There were no members of the public in attendance.
Adjournment
Groshong adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL staff.

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Board Secretary