

## **ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **February 4, 2008**

The Abilene Public Library Board met in the Conference room of the Library at 4:00 P.M., Monday, February 4, 2008. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present: John Williams (Chairman), Robert Carleton, Maryanna Harrell, Debra Lillick, Dennis Regan, David Scott, Joe Specht, and Ginna Sadler.

Board Members Absent: Stan Chapman, and Bryan Scalf

Others Attending: Mike Hall (Director of Community Services), Tony Neitzler (Assistant Director of Community Services), Ricki Brown (City Librarian), Janis Test (Librarian III), Kelley Messer (Attorney, City Legal Office) and Kim St. Clair (Library Administrative Assistant II)

Media present: None

Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. a quorum was present. Dr. Williams asked for any correction or changes to the minutes of November 5, 2007. He asked for a vote to accept the minutes as presented. The vote passed with Maryanna Harrell, Robert Carleton, Debra Lillick, Dennis Regan, Joe Specht and John Williams accepting.

Ms. Brown began her report with praise for the new city service, Abilene411. She then mentioned that Robert Carleton will be attending the Big Country Library System's meeting next Tuesday here in the Auditorium.

Abilene Library Consortium was not able to get the RFP for library service soon enough to San Angelo to be considered, but there are still possibilities for adding Cisco Junior College.

Dr. Williams reminded the Board that they still need one more member and to submit names to Ricki for anyone that might be interested in service. He reminded everyone that the person may not be contracted in advance and asked if they are willing to serve.

Ms. Brown gave a brief report on the North Branch Project. The Friends of the library had reached their goal and stand with \$694,000 collected so far for the project. At the special called City Council Meeting to authorize the agreement, the City Council gave the Friends of the Library a standing ovation for meeting their goal so very quickly. The RFP for a location has moved forward and would be advertised in the upcoming Sunday Abilene Reporter News. Numerous packets have been mailed to interested building owners. Ginna Sadler commented on the wonderful work done by the Friends and Dr. Williams thanked the Board for their 100% solidarity participation with individual donations for the project.

Ms. Brown began a report on the Library's Capital Improvement Projects. The library submitted three large projects: Asbestos Abatement for the main library facility; a permanent building for the South Side location; and a permanent building for the North Branch.

Mr. Neitzler pointed out that these documents are a tool used by the City Council for future planning including bond elections. Ms. Brown asked for the Board to approve the projects so she could mark the appropriate box designating Board approval.

Dr. Williams then asked for a motion to approve the library's capital improvement projects. Robert Carleton moved to accept the projects and Marianna Harrell seconded the motion. Dr. Williams then called for a vote to approve the motion and Dennis Regan, Ginna Sadler, John Williams, David Scott, Maryanna Harrell, Robert Carleton, Debra Lillick and Joe Specht all voted approval by a show of hands. He asked for a show of hands for non approval and there were none.

The election of officers for the Board was next on the agenda. Dr. Williams was surprised it had already been a year. Joe Specht presented a nomination for the current chair to remain in his position. David Scott nominated Robert Carleton to serve as Vice Chair. Ginna Sadler seconded both motions. Joe Specht moved that nominations cease and Dennis Regan seconded. A unanimous vote was cast by a show of hands with Ginna Sadler, David Scott, Dennis Regan, Maryanna Harrell, Robert Carleton, Debra Lillick, Joe Specht and John Williams all voting approval of the officer selection.

Ms. Sadler gave the Friends liaison report. She commented that the community seems to be really ready for the North Branch addition and seems to be very receptive on expanding library services. She said the Friends have had 180 donations including businesses. She then handed out a page outlining the upcoming West Texas Author Brownbag Series for 2008. Several positive comments were made by board members about the Book and Music Festival and the hard work done by Glenn Dromgoole.

Dr. Williams then requested a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Regan proposed a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Ms. Harrell. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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