

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Kay Theunissen at 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2008 in the Main Library Meeting Room. Board members present were Trista Badeaux, Vanessa Hill, Jean Kreamer and Mark Tullos. Staff members present were Ms. Sona J. Dombourian, Library Director, Teresa Elberson, Library Administrator, Larry Gass, Maintenance Supervisor and Lisa Breaux, Director's Executive Secretary. Public Works Capital Improvements Associate Director Pat Logan and City Parish Council Representative Bruce Conque were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jean Kreamer moved to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Tullos and all were in favor.

BOARD RECOGNITION

Bruce Conque was recognized by the Library Board for his service and support of library projects during his term as City-Parish Council representative and library liaison. Mr. Conque has resigned from the City-Parish Council to accept a position with the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. He was presented with a library pin, certificate of appreciation and a book plated in his honor. Mr. Conque has agreed to serve on the library board building committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director's report and financial report were distributed. The library millages will be set during the City-Parish Council scheduled for September 16, 2008. The council will be asked to roll forward the millages to the previous year's rate.

Ms. Theunissen commended Ms. Dombourian and the entire library staff on the level of preparation and restoration of library services following Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Ms. Dombourian updated the board on the preparations and events that took place during both hurricanes. There were only minor damages to the library properties, including a couple of trees at the Main Library, roof leaks at Southside Library, and some leaking over the storytelling room at North Regional Library. All data services and the air conditioning system at the Main Library had been disabled during Hurricane Gustav. A web blog was used to post updates for staff and allow access to the online catalog for patrons during the period that the library website was down.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

The landscaping maintenance contract was awarded to Professional Outsource, who was the third low bidder submitted in the request for bids. With assistance from LCG Public Works, the landscaping maintenance was added as a change order to their existing contract at the price that was bid.

MAIN LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

Allen Bacque has indicated that he has nearly completed the design development phase of the Main Library Renovation project, however he is still awaiting required information from his cost estimator. A building committee meeting will be called for presentation of the design development package at a later date.

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

The traffic signal at the intersection of Johnston Street and Duhon Road has been installed and is operational. Ms. Dombourian displayed recent photos of the progress at the South Regional Library. The wall coverings are being hung, the painting is almost complete, the flooring has been installed, the light fixtures have been installed and installation of the carpeting

is continuing. Utility vendors have been contacted to coordinate installation of telephone and fiber services. The installation of security cameras will be incorporated into the construction project. The landscaping bids will be opened on September 23rd.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping: Jean Kreamer, chair, no report.

Furniture: Susan Hamilton, chair, not present.

Finance: Bennett Bernard, chair, no report.

Site Selection: Mark Tullos, chair, no report.

Mission Statement: Vanessa Hill / Sona Dombourian, co-chairs, no report.

Donor Opportunities: Kay Theunissen, chair, no report.

East Regional Architect Selection: Mr. Logan reported that three firms were interviewed for the East Regional Library architect. The firms were Guidry Beasley Moliere, Sellers and Associates and Abell Crozier Architects. The sub-committee recommends that Sellers and Associates be submitted as the departmental recommendation to the Professional Services Committee based on their extensive library design and construction experience. A motion was made by Mark Tullos to accept the recommendation of the sub-committee and forward that name to LCG Professional Services Committee for consideration. The motion was seconded by Trista Badeaux.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Dombourian stated that the Friends of the Library annual Author Dinner is planned for Tuesday, October 14th. The guest author will be John Ed Bradley.

The Library Foundation is hosting the third annual Trolley Tales Fundraiser on Sunday, October 19th. Trolley stops include the UL Dupre Library and the Acadiana Center for the Arts. Guest storytellers include folklorist Johnette Downing, traiteur and children's storyteller Rebecca Henry, and Cajun storyteller Nonc Allain. There will be two sessions beginning at 1:30 followed by a 3:00 session.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary