

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Adele Blue at 5:03 p.m. on January 13, 2014 in the Buchanan Street administrative office meeting room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Suzanne Dardeau, Andrew Duhon, Kay Theunissen, Joan Wingate and Yung-Hsing Wu. Vanessa Hill was not in attendance. Staff members present were Library Director Sona J. Dombourian, Library Administrator Teresa Elberson, and Director's Secretary Veronica Ryder.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kay Theunissen moved to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2013 Library Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Joan Wingate and all were in favor.

### **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND UPDATES**

The Director's Report, usage statistics for December 2013 and the financial report were distributed. Teresa Elberson reported over 200 patrons, of all ages, completed the 100 Book Club goal for 2013. Over 100 people attended the reception in their honor.

Sona Dombourian reported several employment vacancies, due to retirements and new positions, within the library system. Employees have the opportunity to promote before vacancies are open to the public.

The Main Library renovations are progressing. The children's entrance way has been formed and walls have been installed on the first floor. The light grids have been installed on the second and third floors. Construction is still ahead of schedule.

East Regional Library has experienced weather delays; however, the contractor anticipates completion by the end of August.

A discussion with Dewberry Architects, for the West Regional Library building program, is scheduled for the next Board meeting on February 17.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY WATER ISSUE**

Several issues appear to have been resolved. After treatment of the hairline cracks in the auditorium, a water test was done. The fix passed the test, at the time showing no additional water leakage. The roof issue has also been addressed and corrected. The VAV box installation correction is complete, or nearly complete. Water intrusion around the air handler units is being addressed and a fix is being applied to correct the exterior brick cracking. It appears that the flaws are due to construction issues and not due to any design flaws. January 20th marks the end of the 5 year preemptive period for suits against contractors and architects. Library and LCG Legal and Public Works officials continue to monitor the situation with the deadline in mind.

#### **WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY PROPERTY SEARCH**

The Library Board approved proceeding with six acres of the proposed Ardoin property for West Regional at last month's meeting if the owner agreed to the appraised price. Dombourian reported that she has contacted the owners of the property and they have agreed to sell the property to the library at the appraised value. Dombourian discussed the process of the government's purchasing property, that it could take six to twelve months, and that the process is underway through LCG. An ordinance by the Council will be needed once the property is surveyed and platted and once Legal reviews and draws up the appropriate documents.

A brief discussion of budget for this property took place. Dombourian stated that there is currently a budget of seven million dollars, including land acquisition, construction, design, consulting and testing fees, furniture and equipment, plus book collection. As the design project gets underway and the other libraries wrap up construction, the Board may need to review the budget for West, especially regarding construction costs. Ideally, West Regional would be a minimum of 15,000 square feet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION – BRANCH LIBRARIES**

Ms. Dombourian distributed three handouts: Current, Planned and Potential Target Locations, Usage statistics from the 2012-13 fiscal year by location and Proforma statements for the next five years by location. Dombourian said that LCG’s GIS staff was in the process of updating the “locations” map to include West Regional’s planned location. The Board began discussion about maintaining the Broussard and/or Youngsville libraries after the opening of East Regional. Dombourian stated that ideally a decision would occur by May for budgeting purposes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE – MARCH 11-14, 2014, INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

Several staff members are attending. Joan Wingate expressed interest in attending the conference.

**LLA CONFERENCE – MARCH 26-28, 2014, LAFAYETTE CAJUNDOME**

Conference registration brochures will be mailed soon. Since the conference is in Lafayette, Dombourian stated she hoped all would be able to attend at least part of the conference.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Joan Wingate moved to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Dardeau and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary