

The regular meeting of the Lafayette Public Library Board of Control was called to order by President Adele Blue at 5:05 p.m. on December 16, 2013 in the Rosa Parks Transportation Center Multipurpose Conference Room. Board members present were Bennett Bernard, Suzanne Dardeau, Andrew Duhon, Vanessa Hill, Kay Theunissen and Yung-Hsing Wu. Joan Wingate was not in attendance. Staff members present were Library Director Sona J. Dombourian, Library Administrator Teresa Elberson, and Director's Secretary Veronica Ryder. Tom Sammons, Director of the School of Architecture & Design and Director of the UL Community Design Workshop was a guest speaker. Pat Logan, representing the City of Scott; Wayne Domingue, representing Architects Southwest; Jessica Cornay, representing LCG Public Works; Sheldon Blue, and UL Community Design Workshop students Chance Grey and Jose Navarro were in attendance.

Ms. Blue thanked Ms. Dardeau for her term as President of the Board and presented her with a plated book. Ms. Dombourian presented a library pin to Ms. Dardeau.

Without objection, President Blue moved New Business agenda item V. A. and Old Business agenda item IV. B. ahead of the other order of business.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kay Theunissen moved to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2013 Library Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Vanessa Hill and all were in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PRESENTATION – APOLLO ROAD CORRIDOR PLAN – TOM SAMMONS, DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN AND DIRECTOR OF THE UL COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP**

Mr. Sammons gave a presentation of the Apollo Road Project prepared by the Community Design Workshop, which contained an overview of the short and long term plans for the new Apollo Road extension in Scott. Discussion about the area in general and flood zones took place.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

A proposal to sell 6 acres of land at the intersection of Old Spanish Trail and the Apollo Road Extension was received in response to the RFP seeking land for the West Regional Library. Two options, one for land on the West side of the road and one for land on the East side of the road, were offered at \$93,000 per acre. The site was appraised at \$70,000 per acre. Dombourian reported to the Board on the meeting the library administrative committee and the architect had with Scott officials regarding the Apollo Road project. All agreed that the property east of the road (option 2) was preferable. Domingue reported on the site and suggested maximum frontage on the future Apollo Road extension. Dombourian reviewed the evaluation criteria used to rate property suitability for a library. She reported that the East site ranked an average of 84/100 broken down as follows:

General conditions – 8.5/10

Location – 23.5/25

Accessibility – 9/10

Size & Configuration – 20/20

Price – 12.5/20

Ownership – 4/5

Environmental – 6.5/10

There are no known environmental issues at this time. The property is owned by and was proposed by the Ardoin family; ownership is split between 3 brothers. Cornay remarked that her rating on price was based on the proposed, not the appraised, value. Dombourian recommended the Board accept the proposal for the 6 acres on the East side of Apollo Road and Old Spanish Trail (Option 2) at the appraised value of \$70,000 per acre, and to begin the purchase acquisition process through LCG if the owner agrees to lower the asking price to the appraised price per acre. After discussion, Andrew Duhon moved to accept the proposal of option 2, the east tract at the appraised value. Kay Theunissen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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

The Director's Report, usage statistics for November 2013 and the financial report were distributed. Carryovers from unfinished 2012-13 capital projects, or grants and donations that were received and not completely spent before the end of the fiscal year are not included in the Lafayette Consolidated Government reports. This data should be reflected in the near future.

Staffing positions for the Main and East Regional libraries will be advertised in the near future.

The Main Library construction progresses on schedule. A tour will be scheduled in late January or early February. Bids for the furniture were recently opened and delivery will be requested for late June or July. New bike racks were installed.

The East Regional Library work continues on schedule. The parking lot has been poured. A foundation will be poured in the near future. Ms. Dombourian thanked Andrew Duhon and the LUS staff for resolving some utility issues that came up due to the annexation of the property into the City of Lafayette.

Teresa Elberson invited the Board to the 100 Book Club reception. There are approximately 145 patrons that met the goal and will receive certificates and t-shirts.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Ms. Dombourian thanked Kay Theunissen for composing an email to legal requesting an attorney appointment to assist with water leakage and roof blister issues. Michael Hebert, Legal Counsel for Lafayette Consolidated Government, appointed Denise Puente as attorney for this case. Mark Lavergne, the Public Works Engineer liaison during the construction project, met with the contractor and architect about the various issues. All parties agreed on a plan of action to resolve these issues by the end of the year. An additional issue with the heating control system will also be resolved by the end of 2013.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The budget has funds to send up to two Board members to the PLA conference. Theunissen and Dardeau reported that the conference is a great benefit, especially to new Board members. The consensus was that the newer Board members should be offered the opportunity to attend.

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

Jean Kreamer will host a program for trustees, with the assistance of Adele Blue and Joan Wingate.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vanessa Hill moved to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Yung-Hsing Wu and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sona J. Dombourian, Secretary