

WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

Date: August 4, 2015

Board Members

In Attendance: Scott Spencer  
James Ebert  
Brent Innes  
Kathleen Jensen  
Judith Jones  
Tom Taylor

Board Members

Excused: Spencer Stokes

Others in

Attendance: Lynnda Wangsgard, Library Director  
Scott Jones, Assistant Library Director  
Julia Valle, Library Business Office Manager  
Bryan Baron, Deputy Weber County Attorney  
Marcia Harris, Library Development Board  
Evelyn Bertilson, Friends of the Library  
Eric Jacobson  
Cathy McKitrick, Standard-Examiner

Spencer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Spencer recognized Baron and asked him to introduce himself.

Baron grew up in Brigham City, graduated from Weber State University and earned his juris doctor from University of Utah. He has five children, the youngest just three weeks old. Baron said that he is pleased to be joining the County Attorney's office and is looking forward to working with the Board.

Welcome Judy Jones:

Spencer welcomed Jones to her first meeting as a member of the Board and asked her to share some background about herself.

Jones noted she was raised in Ogden and went to school in many places, including Colorado and Europe, before graduating from the University of Utah. She lived outside of Utah for several years while her husband, a scientist, taught at Duke University. They moved back to Utah when he took a job with Thiokol. She has three children, two grandchildren, and owns a business on 25<sup>th</sup> Street. She is looking forward to getting to know others on the Board.

Thank You Eric Jacobson:

Wangsgard and Jacobson had discussed several places where his expertise would be welcome, allowing staff the opportunity to continue working with him on projects for which they have a mutual interest and feeling of shared obligation.

Arrangements will be made to gather for dinner after the September 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting to thank Jacobson for his service and acknowledge his contributions while seated on the Board.

New Member Review:

By way of providing background and an introduction for Baron and Jones, Spencer summarized major projects the Board had been working on during the past several years.

During 2011, he stated, the County Commission empowered the Board, a non-partisan group charged to oversee and make recommendations for the future of library service, to look into and report on the future needs of the Library System. They began, during 2012, by establishing a feasibility study team to evaluate the needs of the Main Library and, through the course of this process, four projects were identified as critical. The step in addressing these needs was completing a Headquarters in Roy, then renovation of Main, and finally renovation and expansion of the North Branch, which had sat for 30 years without completion. The fourth project was parking expansion at Ogden Valley Branch.

The feasibility study team estimated the cost of the four projects at \$55,000,000. This cost estimate was reviewed, adjusted, and ultimately set by the County Commission at \$45,000,000. The public was invited to vote on whether to issue general obligations bonds, and the concept passed in an election.

As the first project got underway, differences in how to proceed were publically aired. Since the original charge to the Library Board during 2011, members of both the Board and Commission have changed. Agreements have been reached [Shared Vision], however, and the projects are now moving ahead.

Taylor and Jacobson joined Spencer in further clarifying the history of the capital projects, noting the original cost estimate from the feasibility study team was approximately \$70,000,000, which was reduced to 55,000,000, reduced again to \$50,000,000, and then settled upon at \$45,000,000.

Bertilson noted the capital plan was presented throughout the County, including engagements with every elected city council and mayor during their public meetings.

Wangsgard was asked to add details.

She noted that Blaylock and Associates, an architectural firm that employed a number of engineers, was hired to evaluate the failing infrastructure at the Main Library. Upon completion of a six-month study, their preliminary evaluation was presented first to County Commissioners, before going to the Library Board. After reviewing the report and learning that soil conditions were not favorable to building additional space at Main, Commissioners recommended the Board pursue renovation rather than expansion at that site.

The Board then hired two additional architectural firms, using a competitive bid process. Prescott Muir Architects (PMA) and EDA Architects were given the charge to review what Blaylock and Associates had done, including making a recommendation that public services be expanded at Main by moving into the lower level. PMA and EDA looked at other buildings in the Library System and hired professional cost estimators to assist in establishing realistic cost projections for bringing all facilities up to an equitable standard.

The first cost estimate was near \$70,000,000, then was pared back to \$55,000,000 by proposing construction be completed in a very short time frame in order to take advantage of low interest rates and a depressed construction industry. The Board hired a local construction company experienced in building institutional quality facilities to review the cost estimates. This construction company actually built or renovated facilities by estimating costs "stick by stick." The architects and their teams of engineers, the professional cost estimators, and representatives from the local construction company then met with Kevin Wilson, the Library Professional Property Manager, and they all worked together to cut an additional \$5,000,000 from the plan.

The tightly choreographed capital plan, at a cost of \$50,000,000 was then presented to the County Commission for review and approval. After a series of highly publicized public meetings, Commissioners authorized the Library Board to proceed with a public vote-by-mail, but first removed all the contingency money from the capital plan, lowering the amount to be authorized by the public to \$45,000,000.

The Board was given the opportunity of deciding how to proceed with a plan, the goal of which was to be equitable in its approach to leveraging existing assets, but not equal in the way dollars would be distributed among the projects. The architects and engineers had determined that some assets could be leveraged while others could not.

What was never compromised, during all that was done to bring the capital plan to the public for their vote and decision, was the concept that the new and renovated facilities would be third generation libraries, capable of hosting the types of programs and services already being made available at the Pleasant Valley Branch.

The public voted approval of issuing general obligation bonds in the amount of \$45,000,000 and the Board and staff are currently working to ensure that, as construction costs creep up at 10% last year and a projected 5-10% this year, the public will get their libraries as promised. Parking at Ogden Valley Branch was completed on time and under budget. Headquarters and Main are on time and under budget, but the North Branch project is falling behind schedule.

Spencer thanked others for helping to fill in the details of the projects and asked, for the sake of continuity, if there were any objections to changing the order of the agenda to move first to updates on the various capital plan projects. There were no objections.

### Capital Plan Update – Proposed Northwest Branch:

Wangsgard noted that people throughout the County have a healthy appetite for improved library services. Mayors would like to see increased investment in North Branch and people living in the northwestern portion of the County are interested in donating property for a new library in their area. For example, the mayor of a city that would be served by a new northwest branch had inquired about attending the meeting that evening, but decided instead to give the Board the courtesy of preparing and developing a business plan before coming forward with an offer.

Wangsgard explained that when a site was needed for the Ogden Valley Branch, the Board gave those in the service area the courtesy of proposing sites that would be donated. A site recommendation committee was established and charged with evaluating the properties, using a broad set of criteria recommended by the American Library Association. Once evaluated, the committee met and shared their recommendations with the Library Board.

At least one of the parties interested in donating a site for a new branch is in the process of starting a major commercial development. They are wondering if a portion of their property should be reserved for a Library to help anchor the development, or if it should be utilized for a good commercial venture. Time is of the essence for them in deciding how to proceed.

Ebert explained that a city in the proposed branch service area has 10 acres and they are willing to donate three and one-half acres (3.5) acres to the Board, but they need to know if the Board will accept the site and plan to move forward. If the Board is not planning to use the site, the city wants to prepare a plan that offers all of it for commercial development.

Spencer asked that the Board be updated on the capital plan projects already underway before discussion continued on a proposed northwest branch.

### Capital Plan Update – North Branch:

By way of introduction for those new to the Board, Wangsgard explained that mayors from three northeastern communities in the lower valley are keen on relocating the North Branch service outlet to the old public works site a couple of blocks away. While this idea has promise, it would cause the Board to build differently than what was proposed to the public in the bond. Because of the investment already made in the current North Branch, starting over would require more money than the Board currently has to spend. Building on a new site would not result in a facility much larger than what people already have, or one that could support “third generation” library services.

Spencer asked Wangsgard to explain the concept for a third generation library.

The Ogden Carnegie Free Library was first generation, Wangsgard noted. All the books, periodicals, government documents and other resources were contained within its walls. The Weber County Main Library became a second-generation library when community leaders stepped forward to provide private funding to acquire an integrated computer system that allowed users to connect to the world of information resources held outside the library walls.

Third generation libraries recognize that people still need and enjoy books and other materials held in the library's physical collections, and that connectivity and digital resources continue to provide enhanced access to value-added resources that are beyond the scope of what individuals can acquire on their own over the Web. Third generation libraries go a step further, not just forward, but full circle back to the concept of the Alexandrian Library where people went not just to get information, but to share what they knew as well. "Third place" libraries, as they have come to be known, are equipped with spaces where people gather and share diverse ideas that hit against each other, sparking innovation and learning. Third generation libraries consider knowledge held by individuals within the community as part of the collection that needs to be curated and shared. They are also places where everyone is welcome to participate, regardless of their need or station in life.

Third place libraries, Wangsgard noted, require flexible spaces – meeting spaces, outdoor gathering places, and collaborative areas for impromptu conversations that are comfortable and exhilarating. During the morning, a space may be set to accommodate a children's literacy program; during the evening, a book discussion; and in between, a senior exercise class.

Third place libraries require space and at NOB there is not adequate space, Wangsgard said. The facility offers three or four tables, some individual, built-in carrels along one wall, and a small auditorium. The staff cannot plan for a dynamic, successful program at North Branch because the building is not large enough to accommodate a crowd. The shelving area is also too small and should be doubled or tripled in size. Every time a new book is added, a book has to be withdrawn. Because of space constraints, there is little opportunity to develop either breadth or depth in the collections.

A major library goal is to help children read for both fun and information, which requires that they be excited about reading non-fiction books. Because of lack of space, the children's non-fiction is interfiled with the adult non-fiction materials, making it hard for them to find and impossible for them to reach on the upper shelves.

What is being proposed in moving the North Branch, without additional funding beyond what was provided by the sale of bonds, will keep the collections and services confined in a too-small space with only a promise of possible future expansion. On a new site, the people served by the North Branch could have a nice second generation library, but it would not offer the features or space required to deliver the equitable level of service the people were promised or deserve.

Ebert noted he had met with Mayors of North Ogden, Harrisville, and Pleasant View who would like the Commission to override the public's vote to renovate the existing building. He represented the Board by expressing that the bond language and social contract with voters would make it problematic for the Commission to take action, but in good faith he agreed to represent the mayors' concerns back to the Board one more time.

The mayors feel, Ebert continued, that a new building is needed to meet community needs, and if the Board built a smaller library, they could eventually expand. Ebert had cautioned that it was difficult to get money for the capital plan now, and that it will be even more difficult to get funding for future expansion, and reminded them the current building is more than 30 years old and still incomplete because of lack of funding. The mayors suggested a one-year moratorium on the project, giving them an opportunity to fundraise the additional \$3,500,000 needed to build what they see as a facility comparable to the Pleasant Valley Branch.

Ebert said the mayors feel there is an equity issue. They feel the current building will not be able to contain a black box theater, which means it will not be the same as other libraries in the County System. In addition, there is not enough parking at the present site. The mayors believe building a smaller library with room to expand is best and that they can fundraise over the next year to make it possible.

Jensen asked for an update on their current success in fundraising for the proposed upgrade. Ebert had asked the mayors if they had any commitments, noting the Board had spent time and money to evaluate the proposed site and had also looked at options for fundraising, but to no avail. The mayors had responded, he said, stating that didn't have any money at this time and that they needed the Board to produce a building rendering and site plan that would allow them to make headway. In a year they could make some progress.

Jacobson noted there is a perceived implication that the unified County Library System is shifting to a concept of city libraries that want control, but not responsibility. Do they want to move away from a unified County System to city libraries, Jacobson asked?

Ebert said he asked the mayors if they would like to separate the North Branch from the County System and go it on their own, but they declined.

Spencer noted that not every community has a fairground in their midst. Likewise, not every city can expect a new library. Funds are limited and economy of scale limits what is practical.

Wangsgard noted that, had the Board been allowed to present a \$65-70 million dollar bond to the public, building options would have been different. Asking the public to approve this much funding, however, was not practical. The Main Library will not have a black box theater, but it will have a large auditorium with cinema-class infrastructure. North Branch will also have a large auditorium with a cinema-class infrastructure. The large meeting places planned for Main and North Branch, and already in place at the Ogden Valley Branch, will be fantastic in their ability to host the public.

Ebert recognized that the concept of a northwest branch extends beyond the current capital project phase, but that there is a long term shared vision for this facility that will impact the current North Branch service area.

Jensen noted the people served by the North Branch have had a wonderful facility for more than 30 years, and they will continue to have a wonderful library.

Harris, who takes responsibility to lead fundraising efforts, said the reason to include North Branch in the capital plan in the first place was because the service area was too small. Why go to another location and build the same size, she wondered.

Ebert responded that he had asked this same question when meeting with mayors and they responded that the library needed more parking. Ebert noted that the city can fix the parking issue, but it is a difficult argument to make.

Baron had looked at the bond from the point-of-view of the Board's legal counsel and noted that the language clearly stated the funding was to be used for renovation of the current building.

Voter approval would be needed, he advised, to build a new facility at another location.

Ebert noted it had been suggested and discussed that some very minimal work be done on North Branch, such as replacing the carpet, and then the money authorized for renovation be put in a capital improvement fund, which may be useable for something else in the future, including a new building at a new site. If this is not legal, the mayors had also asked the Commissioners to approve putting a change of location on the ballot this fall, but this takes time and costs money to hold a public vote. If the vote failed, inflation would eat into the funding now available.

Spencer asked Wangsgard to report on the Southwest Branch.

#### Capital Plan Update – Southwest Branch/Headquarters:

Work on the Southwest Branch was proceeding at a fast pace. Landscaping was being planted, painting was almost complete, as was the floor installation. The contractor was on schedule for substantial completion in late October or early November.

Innes asked about the architectural feature on the northeastern corner of the Branch.

Wangsgard explained that the north-facing side of the building utilizes a light bar consisting of a row of windows high above the walls to allow light to fall into the interior of the building. This architectural feature gives the impression that the building is very transparent, open, and inviting while using natural light to help keep utility costs down. Because the building features LED fixtures that can be individually dimmed, the light bar facilitates the interior space being occupied during the day with minimal artificial augmentation. Glass is utilized very carefully throughout the building to create intriguing, beautiful spaces while actually serving a utilitarian function. The percentage of glass in the building is relatively low, but it is used strategically to good result. For example, the light bar of which Innes inquired extends out to create afternoon relief from the hot summer sun and serves as a marquee for the east entrance. It also serves as an intriguing architectural feature on what is otherwise a very simple and clean architectural façade.

#### Capital Pan Update – Main Library:

Ebert noted he was working with the Ogden Planning Commission staff who have agreed to take changes made in the Main Library parking lot extension plan back to the Planning Commission, along with the staff's recommendation for approval. City staff had changed their minds on relocating a restroom free of charge, and would now like financial help in replacing the old facility in Lester Park. The City has a grant to cover part of the cost, but they want the Library to cover some of the shortfall. He noted, the City wants to see a rejuvenation of Lester Park.

Wangsgard presented an idea that she and Ebert had been considering to help the City focus community interest on developing a plan for the Park.

Established in 1870, its strategic location five blocks east of Union Station made Lester Park an historical gathering place for area residents. Three U.S. Presidents have visited Ogden, and all spoke to the people in Lester Park. In 1913, the City published an official valuation of its real estate, which totaled \$652,300. The City's top four assets included:

City Hall Corner of Union Square - \$200,000  
Northwest Corner of Union Square - \$150,000  
Lester Park - \$100,000  
Ogden Carnegie Free Library - \$75,000

When a site for the Main Library was selected, Lester Park was chosen. The original goal of the park and the mission of the library are complements to each other in their third place moorings to provide gathering space for the public, but both facilities are "tired" and updating is needed, Wangsgard continued.

Wangsgard and Ebert had explored working with the Utah Young Architects Forum (UYAF), hosted at the College of Architecture at the University of Utah. The Board and County have little official standing in working to facilitate an agreed-upon vision among stakeholders for the park, so Ebert took the idea to City officials. There is interest and he will continue to pursue a partnership with the Mayor and others. All parties understand the park design is time-sensitive in terms of blending library plans, including improved parking, with a future vision for the park.

Wangsgard had met with, and secured an agreement from, the UYAF to take on Lester Park as one of their community based projects. The UYAF works collaboratively with professional architects and community stakeholders to develop a shared vision for a project that addresses community needs. The Forum recently completed a plan for Pioneer Park in Salt Lake City.

The planning takes the form of a design competition with a cash award for the winning entry, usually about \$30,000. Harris was working to gain commitments from private sponsors for the competition, and had a significant portion of the prize money committed. The Board could play a leadership role in helping facilitate the planning for Lester Park by hosting meetings, sharing progress, etc. Responsibility for funding and moving the plan forward would need to find its place among all the competing priorities in the City Budget.

The Ogden Rotary Club is looking for a 100-year anniversary project; something that will be around for another 100 years in which they can invest. Wangsgard asked the Board if they would consider making a proposal to the Rotary Club for a \$5,000 contribution toward the design competition prize, as well as taking on long-term fundraising to enhance park amenities as designated in a community, future-based plan. The Rotary Club's efforts in rejuvenating and reinventing the park could be a gift to the community that would last another 100 years.

Board members were in favor of proceeding with an investigation into opportunities to work with others to explore options and interests in upgrading Lester Park. They authorized Wangsgard to proceed in contacting the Rotary Club with an offer to join the effort to develop a shared vision for Lester Park. Once a meeting is established with the City Council to report on plans for the Main Library and its proposed connection to Lester Park, Wangsgard is to have the background work done.

A request for qualifications (RFQ) had been prepared as discussed during the June Board meeting when design development drawings were approved and authorization to begin the construction set was voted. The purpose of prequalifying contractors to bid on the North Branch and Main Library is to offer all those qualified for the projects an opportunity to compete for the jobs without being undercut by companies who have not demonstrated competence in a project of similar size or scope. Prequalifying contractors for both the North Branch and Main Library



at the same time will help make up time lost on the Branch project while an alternate site was evaluated. Differences in the two project scopes, and the resulting required contractor qualifications, will be maintained, which may result in two different contractors being selected. The same process used for prequalification of contractors for the Southwest Branch/Headquarters Library will be used for North and Main. County Purchasing will be asked to send out the RFQ later, during the week.

Taylor moved that the process used for SWB/HQ be used for both Main and NOB and that the RFQ be advertised to the public. Jensen seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, all voted in the affirmative.

#### Capital Plan Update – Northwest Branch, Continued:

Ebert asked how the Board would like to proceed in responding to inquiries concerning donation of a building site for a future northwest branch.

Spencer said it would be jumping the gun to just accept a site. He recommended going to the community by letter of invitation and through the newspaper to let people know of the interest in, and precedent for, donated sites. He did not feel it appropriate for the Board to show preference, but rather proceed in a way that brings communities together. He would like private individuals to have an opportunity to donate property, if interested. He suggested establishing a timeline for exploration and using a committee to evaluate the sites and make recommendations to the Board.

Ebert asked that the plan be time sensitive to allow city officials to make decisions related to future development, learning whether or not there is a defined location with long-term commitment for building a library.

Wangsgard suggested that a letter be sent to service area mayors and city councils and that an article be prepared for publication in the newspaper. Whatever the time frame, a process for selection could be established in the interim.

Ebert noted there is strong interest in a library and all the area mayors will support others when a site is selected.

Bertilson identified cities in the immediate service area as Farr West, Marriott-Slaterville, and Plain City. Ebert added that there are others in unincorporated areas as well.

Bertilson asked how sites for current facilities had been acquired.

Wangsgard said the Pleasant Valley Branch site was provided by a private donation, all the rest were contributed by cities. The new Southwest Branch site came from the Roy Redevelopment Agency via the City.

Wangsgard noted that a branch to serve those living in northwestern Weber County is anchored in the Shared Vision statement approved last year by County Commissioners and the Library Board. The Vision was widely shared throughout the community.

SHARED VISION:

THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES IN WEBER COUNTY

AUGUST 5, 2014

The Weber County Commission, in cooperation with the Library Board of Trustees, would like to take this opportunity to announce our shared vision for the future of libraries in our County.

Working cooperatively and transparently, we will not only complete the four Library capital improvement projects as promised to the public during the 2013 bond election, but we will also address the need for an additional branch to serve the people living in the northwestern portion of the County. It is not our intent to take away from the quality of what was proposed during the bond capital campaign, it is rather to demonstrate leadership and a spirit of cooperation that exemplifies what government can accomplish for the people when we work together to build our community.

To accomplish this challenging goal of adding a sixth branch to the County Library System, we will issue the complete \$45M bond package as presented and approved by the voters, while also inviting the support of mayors and city councils, foundations and friends, and all County residents to enhance the general obligation bonds by providing the resources necessary to complete this improved capital plan. The County Commission, Library Board of Trustees, and Library Management Team will provide strong fiscal oversight of the approved projects, ensuring every dollar is wisely spent, leveraging future value and return on investment for all of our residents.

The new Southwest Branch/Headquarters Library will soon be a beacon on the densely populated southwest side of our County, signaling what will follow in rapid succession on the east side with the renovation of the flagship Main Library and in North Ogden by expansion and upgrading of public service space at the North Branch. A sixth library to serve the people living in the northwestern area of the County will complete the plan. Together, these new and renovated libraries will infuse our communities with opportunities for people to come together to teach and learn, to attend and participate, to gather and enjoy.

The northwest facility was not included as part of the current five-year plan, but is included in a longer-term vision for library development. Selection of a site will give area officials and residents an opportunity to help identify funding that can be used to help construct the new facility, for which there is not presently a revenue stream. A site could help leverage donations, which in turn could help gain a commitment for the additional needed capital and operating funding.

Spencer emphasized that it is important to note that a construction timeline has not been established and funding options are not secured, but that does not preclude the Board's interest in a potential site, which is the next step in planning for service in this area.

Wangsgard advised that once a site is selected, the donation could be accepted with conditions for proceeding that meet the needs and expectations of those sitting on both sides of the table.

Jensen moved that the Board advertise their interest in accepting a donation of a site for a future northwest library, giving potential donors 45 days, until September 15<sup>th</sup>, to express interest with the intent that the Board will consider resulting committee recommendations within 60 days; that is, during the October Board meeting.

Taylor seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Spencer called for a vote. All voted aye. No one was opposed or abstained.

Wangsgard asked the Board to forward suggested names for site recommendation committee members, looking for people who will consider broadly the potentially diverse recommendations in light of what is best for area residents. She noted that the Board might be better served by committee members who do not live in the area, and therefore are free from the community ties that can make it difficult to evaluate options using recommended criteria without damaging personal relationships or politicizing the process.

#### 2016 Budget Priorities:

The 2016 recommended budget will be due to the County by September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board usually discusses and establishes changes in budget priorities, but because of the unusual nature of the coming fiscal year, Wangsgard is assuming the budget should simply seek to maintain the status quo for those services not touched directly by the capital plan, while accommodating changes the capital plan will mandate in operating expenditures for other facilities.

The operating budget will need to reflect limited public access while Main and North Branch are being renovated, which will not necessarily result in a significant reduction in expense, and greatly expanded services at the Southwest Branch, which will come with a significant increase in cost. The current Southwest Branch will be closed to the public and kept operational for storage of a portion of the Main Library collection. Ogden Valley Branch and Pleasant Valley Branch will be geared up to handle increased workloads, especially in the use of public meeting space. The budget will reflect, as accurately as is possible, what the Library System will require during the next year, which is unprecedented and for which costs can only be anticipated and benchmarked.

The Board concurred with these parameters and will review the draft budget during their September meeting.

#### Approval of June 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Ebert moved and Jensen seconded a motion to approve minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting requiring a spelling correction. There being no discussion, Spencer called for the vote. All voted in the affirmative.

### Approval of June 25, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes:

Spencer asked for feedback concerning the process for selection of a new Board member, which was the purpose of the special June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ebert said the Commission had new insight into the process and was extremely positive. Elected officials could see the qualifications of those who had applied, and that they were not just someone's friend or someone who had a personal agenda. The Commissioners looked at the selection criteria the Board used in evaluating applicants, and it made it easy to see they had a slate of very good candidates.

Spencer thanked the Commissioner for his role in moving the communication forward and noted the procedure that had been working for many years would be followed as future applicants are reviewed and recommendations made.

Taylor moved acceptance of the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Jensen seconded the motion. All voted in the affirmative.

### Approval of July 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Corrections to the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting included correction of a typographical error; a statement noting that due to the lateness of the hour, several agenda items were carried over to the following meeting; and a clarification that it was not Spencer who noted that coverage in the local newspaper included a call for large donors to help defray the costs of moving North Branch to another site.

In addition, it was suggested that distinctions be made between statements made by Mayor Taylor and Board member Taylor.

Jensen move acceptance of the minutes as corrected. Taylor seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, all voted in the affirmative.

### Director's Report:

Due to the late hour, Wangsgard did not detail the financial or activities reports, but asked if there were questions. Hearing none, she noted that all income, expenditures, and statistical reports were within expected parameters.

### Commissioner's Report:

Ebert asked for donations to help provide reading materials at the Lantern House homeless shelter, where 70-80% of the residents are first time homeless and need access to reading and educational materials. He noted the Library could be a core resource for these and other facilities. Board members were invited to the Weber County Fair, scheduled to start the next day

Spencer said his son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Annette Hill, were providing the Clydesdale horses for special events. He invited everyone to stop by the area where they will be on exhibit.

Ebert's son will exhibit a hog, and many other young people will be there to show off their work.

Wangsgard invited Board members to spend time at Library Square at the Fair, where there will be games and a booth updating attendees on progress made to date on the capital plan. Those in the booth will answer questions about progress and the future timeline, as well as meet and greet the folks who pay the bills and are consumers of library service.

Ebert asked for Board action on the North Branch that he could take back to mayors. He restated their request to move to a new site and reiterated their desire for a moratorium on renovating North Branch, the production of a site plan and rendering that reflects building on the alternate site, and a year's time for them to proceed with attempts to raise the additional \$3,500,000 in needed funding.

Ebert asked that the Board restate their intent to either move forward with the proposal to pursue starting over on a new site, or to move forward as planned to renovate the existing facility, explaining that site plans and renderings cost money and that time spent attempting to raise money has costs associated with it in terms of the loss of buying power. In other words, vote to either actively pursue relocating to a new site, or close the door on further discussion and proceed with the original plan.

Spencer noted they had already voted on the issue and their legal counsel advised that the terms of the bond initiative stated the building would be renovated and expanded. Spencer had not changed his mind. To do otherwise, in his opinion, would be a betrayal and integrity issue. The Board approached the public in good faith and they, in good faith, turned out to support the bond. He wishes to go forward as planned.

Jensen said she thought a new site was favorable, and if there were a way to make it work she would like to consider that option. She wondered how much the Board should consider the mayors as representing the people on the issue.

Wangsgard said if the Board would like to spend time hosting the Library booths that are taken to fairs, farmers' markets, and other community events, they can hear for themselves what people want. She urged them to speak directly with the people in order to get first hand information as to what the public thinks.

Harris had spent time in the Library booth at the Ogden farmers' market the previous Saturday. Not one person had expressed a desire for anything other than more space at the North Branch.

Jones said her associates have all indicated they are in support of the current facility being revamped as promised. For integrity of the bond and the future of northern patrons, people will get a better library if the Board proceeds as originally planned.

Ebert wanted to confirm the direction of the Board so the project can proceed full speed ahead.

There being no new information to cause the Board to reconsider their vote of July 7th to proceed with renovation, Wangsgard was instructed to work with the Library management team to get the architect reengaged, contractors preselected, and the North Branch project back on schedule.

Annual Book and Surplus Property Sale:

Valle reported on the annual book and surplus property sale, scheduled for Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 a.m. Thousands of books will be sold that day, but she will preselect a collection for Lantern House before the sale begins. Valle ensures that the sale is a community event that does not cater to booksellers. Proceeds from surplus property are deposited in the Library sundry revenue account. Friends' books raise money for a variety of literacy programs, such as Weber Reads.

Adams Avenue Update:

Wangsgard acknowledged a July 25<sup>th</sup> article McKitrick had written for publication in the newspaper, informing the public of problems that stalled completion of the Adams Avenue street widening project. Tom Hansen, Washington Terrace Mayor, was quoted as saying the work should be completed by mid-August, but not much had changed in front of the Pleasant Valley Branch since the article appeared.

During the previous week, all entrances to both the north and east parking lots were again closed to the public without notice. Washington Terrace had repeatedly promised that by the following week all the approaches would be completed, a promise that had been made, and a deadline missed, week after week for more than a month. The City had also promised that new Chinese Elm trees will be planted along the parkway during September.

Bertilson inquired about the location of the bus stop.

Wangsgard summarized the need to allow a bus turn out lane to be constructed on Library property in order to allow traffic to keep flowing now that the road was being widened to four lanes, two in each direction. In order to allow proper views of on-coming traffic for those entering and exiting the Library north parking lot, as well as the road south of the assisted living complex, the bus stop had to be moved south from its original location and set back on Library property. The new bus pullout lane is for passenger pickup only; it is no longer an end-of-the-line staging area where buses are to be left idling in front of the Library while drivers take their break.

Other:

There being no other business, Taylor moved, and Jensen seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All voted "aye."

Respectfully submitted: Julia Valle 10-6-2015  
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