

**Dakota County Library Board
November 12, 2009
5:30 pm
Dakota County Wescott Library**

Present: Mr. Larsen, Mr. Olson, Ms. Kes, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Pogatchnik, Mr. Duling, Ms. Zenk

Library Staff: Ken Behringer, Library Director; Roseanne Byrne, Deputy Director; Kathy Peterson, admin staff; Nancy Wisser, Senior Cluster Manager, Naomi Golv, Cluster Support Manager

Other County Representatives: Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler; Tom Novak, Director Public Services and Revenue; Ken Harrington, Capital Planning Project Management

President Olson called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda: (item 4) Mr. Behringer commented that circulation was up and the library system was “very busy”. He also said the library was within budget parameters. After clearing up a question about fines paid by credit card not being reflected on earlier finance reports, Mr. Pogatchnik moved and Mr. Larsen seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Director’s Report: (item 5) Mr. Behringer reported that clearance had been given by the County Attorney’s office to go forward with a firm called Marcive for the purpose of standardizing data through the online catalog. This will result in cataloging savings.

Contract negotiations with AFSCME Local 693 will begin later in November.

Allan Cotter, manager at Pleasant Hill was quoted as saying the plan to remove water falling from entryway canopy appears to be having the desired effect. If more water can be removed from the sidewalk area, ice development on the sidewalk can be avoided in winter, making entry way much safer.

He reported that the Budget hearing with the Dakota County Board had gone well but that these are “somber times” for the economy. Services will have to change in order to accommodate the likely decrease of eight positions within the library, but there be efforts to keep impact on public services as minimal as possible. Next year there will be a new contract with the County’s health care insurance carrier for staff. It is anticipated that costs will go up for both the County and the employees.

(item 6.a.) Consideration of Proposal for Walkway between Burnhaven Library and Porter Creek

Restaurant: John Sheehan of Porter Creek Restaurant thanked the Board for inviting him to explain his proposal and answer questions. He said he wanted to create a complimentary relationship between the library and his restaurant by building a sidewalk between the two properties. Each owner would then maintain and cover liability for their side. He said he has enough parking for his business between on site and available street parking and that his employees will not park on library property. Board members raised questions about the reality of this and would customers really use both places.

Mr. Harrington said that the County is trying to be more “user friendly” to bikes and walkers and that some connection between the library and the sidewalk along County 42 could be beneficial. He also pointed out that the library may lose some parking after the remodel because of the need create for green/runoff area.

Mr. Behringer said that the County Attorney’s office has advised that any agreement with a private firm must meet a “public purpose doctrine” test, which would require a demonstrable value of any agreement to the library or its users. The Library Board members could not determine any such value at this time. The Board thanked Mr. Sheehan for his time and wished him well with his restaurant.

(Item 6.b.) Consideration of Authorization to Re-release Proposal to Solicit Vendors for Coffee services at Wescott:

Mr. Pogatchnik moved and Ms. Zenk seconded the re-release of the document to solicit formal responses from private sector vendors for coffee services at Wescott. Motion passed unanimously.

(Item 6.c.) 2010 Holiday and Closure Schedule for DCL: Mr. Pogatchnik moved and Mr. Larsen seconded a motion to approve the table presented. Motion passed unanimously.

(Item 6.d.) First Hearing: Proposed DCL Fees 2010: In keeping with a policy target adopted at the county level, Mr. Behringer requested that the Board make no changes to the Fine/Fee Policy for 2010. The policy statement will receive a second hearing in December. Ms. Zenk so moved and Mr. Duling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

(Item 6.e.) Request for Reconsideration: *Star Wars: Jango Fett-Open Season*. Following staff recommendation, Ms. Zenk moved and Ms. Kes seconded that the material be relocated in the YA collection, as the patron had requested. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no other items to discuss or questions.

Mr. Larsen moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 10, at Wescott.

Don Olson, Library Board President

Anita Kes, Library Board Secretary