

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD ON
November 14, 2017

A Meeting of the Library Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 9 a.m. at the Main Library, 3rd Floor Ray Room.

The following Board Members were present:

Mr. M. Albert	Ms. C. Morgan
Dr. K. Bailey (via phone)	Ms. J. Pauer
Ms. S. Haden	Ms. A. Russell
Ms. M. Jaensson	Ms. A. Silbernagel
Mr. J. Jarrett	Mr. B. Thomas
Ms. T. Jenkins	Mr. J. Withrow

Also present were Mr. Alan Engelbert, Director, Ms. Terry Wooten, Marketing and Tricia Stringer, Administrative Coordinator; and representatives from Manahan Group, Silling and Associates, and HBM Architects. In addition, the meeting was attended by a number of staff members, Foundation Board members, Friends, and patrons.

Ms. Jaensson presided. The Director served as Secretary. The President reported that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the minutes of the October 9, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed to the Board.

Approval of Bills. In accordance with Bylaws and on a motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the payment of General Bills in the amount of \$165,591.76 and the Book Bills in the amount of \$70,403.37 were approved and transmitted for payment by the Library Director to the Board of Education of the County of Kanawha.

Approval of Bills - Special Funds. The Library Director submitted bills to be paid from Special Funds in the amount of \$3,390.72 duly certified and approved in accordance with the Bylaws and on motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, it was ordered that the bills set out on the said list be paid.

Approval of Bills – Construction Fund. The Library Director submitted bills to be paid from the Construction Fund in the amount of \$126,723.69 duly certified and approved in

accordance with the Bylaws, and on motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, it was ordered that the bills set forth on the list be paid.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Public Services Committee. The Committee met recently to discuss multiple service issues. Ms. Silbernagel read aloud the previously distributed resolution regarding Saturday service at the St. Albans Branch Library. Upon a motion duly made and carried, the below resolution was passed. The Board expressed its appreciation to the City of St. Albans for taking this first step toward restoration of funding for library service.

WHEREAS, hours of service at the St. Albans Branch of the Kanawha County Public Library (KCPL) were reduced effective July 1, 2016 in response to reductions by the City of St. Albans in support of the KCPL; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Albans voted to increase its support of the KCPL by \$10,000 during the current 2017-2018 fiscal year, from \$50,000 to \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, the Library appreciates this step by the City of St. Albans to partially restore support to the KCPL and appreciates indications that the City will seek to continue to increase support of the KCPL over a period of years; and

WHEREAS, the Public Services Committee of the KCPL has reviewed this very positive development and recommends that the Board of Directors restore part of the hours that were reduced in July 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that, effective January 1, 2018, open hours of service at the St. Albans Branch be increased and the Branch open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays resulting in the following schedule of open hours

Monday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AND, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Kanawha County Public Library will welcome any opportunity to work with the City of St. Albans to further restore and enhance service to the people of St. Albans through the St. Albans Branch.

Ms. Silbernagel reported on recent meetings regarding service to Clendenin. The Committee will continue to investigate possibilities for a site for temporary quarters in Clendenin and discuss possibilities for permanent space. Ms. Silbernagel reiterated her conviction that establishing a physical branch in Clendenin should be a priority for the Library.

Ad Hoc Building Committee. Ms. Morgan thanked the Board for its patience over the past two years while the Ad Hoc Building Projects Committee completed a careful and detailed investigation into the options available for the Main Library project and thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work and dedication to this project. Ms. Morgan announced that it is the unanimous recommendation from the Committee that KCPL should renovate and expand the current Main Library located at 123 Capitol Street. Ms. Morgan read aloud the following resolution to the Board.

WHEREAS, the Board of the Kanawha County Public Library (KCPL) has for an extended period of time investigated, through its Ad Hoc Building Projects Committee (Committee), a proposal for the complete renovation of the Main Library or the construction of a new facility to serve as a new site of the Main Library for the citizens of the City of Charleston and Kanawha County and other stakeholders of the KCPL; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has diligently pursued various possibilities, including the examination of alternative locations throughout the City, assessed the size, scope, cost, and efficiency of a complete renovation to the Main Library and of alternative locations and reviewed numerous options in cooperation with its architectural team and site evaluator; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has concluded its investigations and has forwarded to the Board a unanimous recommendation that the existing Main Library located at 123 Capitol Street in Charleston, West Virginia be completely renovated and expanded by approximately 20,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, renovation of the Main Library, constructed in 1909 and opened to the public as the Main Library in 1967, will preserve and improve an architectural and educational treasure that graces a prominent location in the vibrant heart of Charleston; and

WHEREAS, a modern and architecturally significant addition will enhance the beauty of the traditional structure and result in a vision that combines the best of both the modern and traditional to produce a new, yet historic, addition that will forever shape and invigorate Charleston; and

WHEREAS, the addition of 20,000 square feet and the renovation of the existing 60,000 square feet will permit the Library to provide the spaces and services for the public that modern library service demands while providing flexibility for the Library to respond to the service demands of the future; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the addition and renovation project is not precisely known, it is estimated at \$27 million, far less than the \$40 million cost in 2002 dollars to build a new library as had been proposed (and which would cost well over \$50 million in today's dollars); and

WHEREAS, the Committee expects that approximately 80% of the estimated \$27 million cost of the renovation and addition project, or more than \$21 million,

will be donated by private individuals, corporations, and foundations, providing the public with a tremendous amenity without burdening taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, larger public library construction projects in the United States are typically 90% funded from taxpayer dollars (and less than 10% funded through gifts and donations), this major construction project will be primarily constructed with donated money, unique nationally, and a testament to

- the generosity of the people of the Kanawha Valley;
- the ability of the KCPL Board over the years to effectively raise, husband and manage resources provided to it to produce the best service at the least cost;
- the people who so greatly value and utilize the services of the Kanawha County Public Library; and

WHEREAS, funding of Branch libraries located throughout Kanawha County will not be compromised or affected as a result of the Main Library project and Branch library operations will be affected as little as possible while centralized services provided to branches from the Main Library may be disrupted during the course of construction;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board expresses its thanks to the Ad Hoc Building Projects Committee for its diligence, thoughtfulness and hard work over an extended period of time to arrive at a recommendation that is attractive, achievable, sustainable and responsible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library hereby approves the unanimous recommendation of the Ad Hoc Building Projects Committee to renovate and expand the Main Library at 123 Capitol Street, Charleston, West Virginia at an estimated cost of \$27 million; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors urges the public to embrace, support and contribute to this project that will be significant to so many, and calls for the public's understanding that normal Library service in downtown Charleston will be disrupted and somewhat limited for a period of approximately two years before the project can be completed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors and the staff of the Kanawha County Public Library will work together with the City of Charleston, the Kanawha County Commission, the Kanawha County Board of Education, The Library Foundation of Kanawha County, the Friends of the Library, and all interested members of the public to produce great library services in a beautifully renovated and expanded building that will be a jewel in the heart of the City.

After a motion was duly made and seconded, Ms. Morgan introduced Mr. Jody Driggs of Silling and Associates to provide an overview of the site selection process. Mr. Peter Bolek of

HBM Architects presented exterior and interior renderings for the new main library and explained the concepts behind the design, including examples of other libraries that have married an existing, historic structure to a new addition. Mr. Driggs then finished the presentation providing an estimated project budget and timeline.

The above motion was then unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

President

Secretary