

Dewitt Community Library Draft Minutes December 17, 2015

Present: Carl Austin, Julian Modesti, Christene Gantos, Mary Keib Smith, Doug Arena, Lydia Wasylenko, Meisje Havens, Steve Lux, Rosalie Young, Jill Enright, Nana Ross (6:23)

Excused: Nina Brown, Irene Scruton, Sybil Schultz (newly resigned)

Absent: Shelly Field

Also Present: Wendy Scott, Director, Pete King of King and King Architects, Robert Tartakoff

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Christene

Steve thanking Board members for all of their hours of volunteer work being put into the building project.

Treasurer's Report: Carl- See written distributed report. Nothing to add.

Directors Report: Wendy – See written distributed report. Nothing to add.

Committee Reports

Facilities – Steve and Mary: King and King needs direction whether to get on the schedule to present to the Town. Already paid for about 70% and there would be little additional expenditure to have them do this part of the process. Is a necessary step to purchase land and proceed with the building project. Getting approval in January would meet the requirement to start the build in March. Carl makes a motion to authorize King and King to proceed with Town Board approval. Mary seconded. Unanimously approved.

There is still work needed to address fill issues with the site, increasing the cost about \$200,000. A soil study classified the site soil. Some is "residential unrestricted" and some is "residential restricted" and may have to be moved, costing approximately \$400,000. Heuber Breuers actual cost estimate was \$900,000 over the original estimated budget. King and King was able to suggest some adjustments to design and materials that would cut \$700,000 off price of build without impacting the building design, programs, functionality, or aesthetics. \$200,000 will remain to be financed.

We won't know if the site is absolutely clean until building begins. If problems are found after we own it, we will be forced to finance remediation. In the past, Tobin offered to sell the site "site ready" (prepared already for building). Steve is wondering if we should approach Tobin with new contract proposing we buy the land "site ready". This would help defray some of these extra costs. Mary motions that the design team develop a plan and approach Tobin with a proposal to revise the contract to buy the land "site ready". Carl seconds. Unanimously approved.

Mary motions to go into Executive Session 6:40 to discuss the Kevin Murphy litigation. Unanimously approved.

Christene motions to come out of executive session 6:48. Mary motions that we approve the proposal as set forth by the executive director of NYLA to accept funding for the defense of the lawsuit of Kevin Murphy. Carl seconds. Unanimously approved.

New Business: Tax cap – We need to vote annually to reserve our right to exceed the tax cap. Mary motions that we approve a resolution that allows the library to exceed the NY State 2015 Levy Limit. Miesje seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: Meisje motions to approve minutes. Mary seconds. 7 in favor. 3 abstentions due to absence at that meeting. Approved by majority.

2016 Budget – Wendy- Christene makes a motion to approve the 2016 operating budget. Steve seconds. Unanimously in favor.

Correspondence: None

Announcements: Community resident Howard Fink recently passed away. The family of Howard and Virginia Fink have asked the community for donations for the library building project in his memory and donations have been coming.

Martha Eli from the Eli Family Fund contributed \$10,000 to the DCL building project.

Nominating Committee- Steve Lux and Rosalie Young will be done with board service in February and we already have 2 previously reviewed candidates for replacement. Sybil has resigned and we have another candidate possibility of David Lankes from SU's iSchool.

Period for Public Expression: Public attendees had left by the end of the meeting.

Adjournment: Mary adjourned at 7:08

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the January 2016 Board Meeting.