

MINUTES-Draft
DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
NEW LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE
4:00 PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

MEETING LOCATION
VETERANS HALL, 231 N. 1ST. STREET, DIXON, CA

1. Call to order / Amy Proctor, President

Amy Proctor, President called the meeting to order at 4:01p.m.

2. Roll call

Trustees

Amy Proctor, President
Jim Ernst, Vice-President-excused
John Gabby, Secretary
Alan Hodge-absent
Shana Levine

Commission

Greta Galindo, President-excused
Susan Ostergard, Vice-President
Shane Taber, Secretary
Marjorie Rothrock
Olivia Stringer

City of Dixon

Jack Batchelor, Mayor
Nancy Huston, City Manager

Staff

Gregg Atkins, District Librarian
Sandy Myers, Recorder

3. Communications

None

4. Approval of agenda

Shana Levine moved, Shane Taber seconded and the motion carried.

5. Public presentations to or discussion with the Commission

None

6. Approval of minutes

A. Regular meeting of August 3, 2009

Susan Ostergard moved, Shane Taber seconded and the motion carried.

B. Regular meeting of October 5, 2009

Susan Ostergard moved, Shane Taber seconded and the motion carried.

7. Discussion items:

A. Results of Needs Assessment Survey conducted by Godbe Research / Ameilia Davidson, Bryan Godbe

Bryan Godbe, President of Godbe Research discussed the results of the Needs Assessment Survey. A 15 minute telephone interview was conducted with 300 residents from the Dixon Public Library District. The 300 residents represented a portion of the 5,844 voters who are estimated to be likely to vote in the November 2010 election. Of the 300 interviewed 30

were interviewed in Spanish. The survey suggests that the use of the Dixon Public Library District is comparable to the national average. Overall residents are satisfied with the quality of the Dixon Public Library. The survey showed that increasing public awareness of the Dixon Public Library website could increase usage. Television is still the most preferred source of information regarding news and events, followed by the internet and the Dixon Tribune. The results showed that a future bond measure to improve the Dixon Public Library was supported by 57 percent of the interviewees. Allowing for a six percent margin of error the support for a bond measure among the November 2010 voters is currently between 51 and 63 percent. A two-thirds majority is required for the vote to pass so there is some work that must be done.

In regards to the Carnegie Library, interviewees were asked if they considered the current Dixon Public Library building to be a historic landmark. Approximately two-thirds said yes. When asked if the Carnegie should be preserved 8 out of 10 said yes. When asked if the facade of the Carnegie should be preserved at a cost of \$200,000, 55% said definitely yes. In the final question about the Carnegie voters were asked is the full Carnegie should be preserved if the cost would increase the bond by \$3 million. Only 37 percent of the voters thought the Carnegie should be preserved after hearing of the additional costs.

A complete copy of the Needs Assessment Survey is available online at Dixonlibrary.com and there are also two copies available in the reference area at the Dixon Public Library.

B. New library funding options / Jonathan Edwards

Jonathan Edwards explained that the Dixon Public Library has two options for funding, a General Obligation Bond or a Mello-ros tax. The library has been leaning toward a general obligation bond since the beginning. A General Obligation bond is based on assessed property value and carries a max term of 40 years. The library has been focusing on a term of 30 years.

C. Report on children's area visual preferences survey / Linda Demmers

Linda Demmers reported that increased children's services and an area to accommodate the services was a preference across the board. The children friendly furniture and parent and me seating was widely liked. Colors and themes that were inviting to children was another like. Computers and learning aides to motivate children would be nice. Meeting spaces were needed as well.

D. Report on stakeholder interviews (to date) / Linda Demmers

Linda Demmers reported that all the stakeholders supported the new library project. She has interviewed Jill Orr who supports the project and thinks it will be a value to revitalizing downtown. Tony Tryba supports the project and stated that it will be a challenge in these trying times. Rob Salabar would like to see the facade kept and stay within the guidelines of the downtown area. He would like the library to be open, bright and airy. Victoria Copas would like to see more collaboration with the schools and the public library and would like the new library to be aesthetically pleasing to the downtown. She will be interviewing more stakeholders in the future. It was suggested that she meet with people from the senior center as well.

E. Report on site visits by staff; nearby site visit opportunities / Gregg Atkins

Mr. Atkins reported that the staff has had an opportunity to visit twelve libraries in the Sacramento, Bay Area, floor plans were included in the packets handed out to the public so they could see what was looked at. There were some that the staff definitely did not like and some that had areas that were liked. All in all the staff came away from the experience with ideas on what and what not to do with our new library.

F. Development of building program document – next steps / Linda Demmers and Gregg Atkins

Linda Demmers asked that the committee review the Building Program Worksheet and complete it by the next meeting. She will be reviewing the same worksheet with the staff. From this worksheet a plan will be put together for the spaces needed in the new library.

G. Review of timeline and meeting calendar

A timeline was included in the packet to remind everyone as to where the library is in the process.

8. Committee Comments

None

9. Announcements

The next New Library Building Committee meeting will be on December 15, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.mn.

Amy Proctor, President

John Gabby, Secretary