

March 9, 2011

Meeting: GF Public Library Building Committee
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 – 7 a.m.
Grand Forks Library Meeting Room

Members in Attendance: Doug Carpenter, Paul Holje, Ann Pederson, Jeff Regimbal, and Wendy Wendt

Also in Attendance: Library Board members Kay Powell and Susan Mickelson; Al Grasser, City Engineer; and Roger Helland, Widseth Smith Nolting

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Jeff Regimbal called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m.
2. **Otto Bremer Grant Award** – Wendy shared the exciting news announcing an award of \$93,600 to the Library Project by the Otto Bremer Foundation. These funds will be used for pre-ballot architectural services, starting with a series of community charrettes to be conducted by the architect and design team. Wendy and Susan will work with Rick McCarthy and staff to schedule dates and times for the input sessions, ideally before the end of March.
3. **Minutes** – Motion by Doug, second by Jeff, to approve the minutes of the January 26 meeting as distributed. Unanimously carried.
4. **Announcement** – Al Grasser announced his intention to step down as an official member of the Library Building Committee but to remain involved in the Library Project in his capacity as Grand Forks City Engineer.
5. **Chamber Update** -- Susan provided an overview regarding her presentation of the Library Project Update to the Chamber Board of Directors on February 24. Chamber leaders have suggested that the Library Board go on record to specifically state the location, total cost, and duration of the sales tax levy to fund the project. By stating these specific intentions for the project, the Library Board would help clarify misperceptions caused by the ballot language.
6. **Project Definition** – Motion by Ann, second by Paul, to recommend that the Library Board adopt a resolution stating a specific location and budget for the proposed construction project to build a new library. Unanimously carried.

Proposed language for the resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GRAND FORKS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ON MARCH 9, 2011:

If voters pass the Home Rule Charter amendment on May 3, 2011, the Library Board resolves the following:

- 1) The amount of public dollars (sales tax revenue) to be spent for all costs needed to construct, furnish and equip a new library will not exceed \$20.8 million.

- 2) Property tax revenue will not be used for the proposed library construction project.
- 3) The new library will be built at and on property or properties adjacent to Library Circle and Library Lane, Grand Forks, ND.

7. **Comparative Info** -- Al Grasser recommended that educational materials include a comparison of existing space and amenities at the current library vs. the proposed new construction. Susan will work with architect Rick McCarthy to provide that information in a one-page format.
8. **Next Meeting** – Building Committee members will be asked to participate in one of the Community Charrettes conducted by the Dewberry PSA architectural and design team. Susan will distribute the meeting dates and times when the schedule is finalized.
9. **Adjournment** -- The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Duly recorded,

Susan Mickelson