

Library Committee

Minutes

June 4, 2008

Present: Hobart, James, Manning, Mossel, Rothstein, Grant,
Gifford, Rorabaugh, Ryan, and Rose

Absent: Sobers, Randle, and Fields

Chair Luanne Rothstein called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. at City Hall.

Moved by Susan Grant supported by Carlleen Rose to accept minutes of May 20, 2008. Moved by Susan Grant supported by Dale Hobart to accept minutes of May 29, 2008. Both sets of minutes accepted as presented.

Comments from audience – there were none.

Hiring sub committee – City Commission approved hiring Hartzell Mika at the June 2nd City Commission meeting. Hartzell Mika will be at City Hall at 8 a.m. on June 19th to meet with the Library Committee. The firm's representatives will be spending the remainder of the day at the Library.

Librarian's report – Gaylynn spoke with Dan Durkee last week and his firm is still gathering information on the structural analysis. They are still within their two-week time frame.

Pros and Cons were discussed on each proposed site. Please review attached word document. The Old Pioneer Building and the Immanuel Lutheran Church sites were eliminated.

Comments from the audience –
----We can't hear you
----Library Consultant money was well spent
----Like current location, want renovation and addition
----South side of current library has no curb appeal

Lambda Chi Alpha

Pro

- Using this site allows library to stay in current location and retain advantages of current location
- Enough room for parking

Con

- Need purchase \$(possibly from sale of current building)
- Concern about tearing down house

Current Library Site

Pro

- Good location
- Stabilizes neighborhood
- Within walking distance

Con

- Inadequate parking now
- Just renovation to existing building would be inadequate
- Tearing down building and using site not economically responsible
- Tight space for building and parking
- After one addition there is no more room to grow.

Carriage Auto Building

Pro

- Public parking nearby (heavily utilized during day)
- Very visible
- In downtown (DDA)
- Near park

Con

- Not easy for walking
- Dangerous intersection
- Noisy location
- No green space
- Contamination?

Vacant lot downtown

Pro

- City owned
- Public parking
- Within walking distance
- Close to schools
- Will bring people (business) downtown

Con

- Too small for one story building?
- On flood plain?

Eastgate

Pro

- Enough room
- Easy to walk to for some areas?
- Would improve east side
- Trail is right behind it

Con

- Losing a downtown anchor
- Not centralized to downtown

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Pro

- Within walking distance
- County owned parking

Con

- Not enough room to expand

----Not right time to push for new building – need to renovate
(This comment came with long explanations concerning architectural wants
and needs by former City Manager Gerald Wensloff)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. and the next meeting will be at
8:00 a.m. on June 19th at City Hall.