

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD
MAY 15, 2008 AT 8:01 P.M. IN THE THIRD FLOOR MEETING ROOM OF THE Library

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Patricia Lofthouse, Chair; John Benka, John Schmidt, Richard Van Metre, Library Board;
Janet Van De Carr, Library Director; Linda Egebrecht, Library Staff.

ABSENT: Kathleen de Grasse.

Approval of Committee Minutes

Mr. Benka made a

MOTION: To approve the minutes for the Buildings and Grounds Meeting held April 10, 2008.

Mr. Van Metre SECONDED the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Bid for Exterior Painting

The Committee discussed the exterior painting bids. Mrs. Van De Carr reported that the Library received 7 bids for the project. One bid was incomplete. The lowest bid was from GP Maintenance Services at \$16,500. The bid specs included all white exteriors including scraping, patching, caulking, and using Devco paint. Mrs. Van De Carr stated that the exterior was last painted at least four years ago and that Mr. Mestey checked all of the references and they were all good. All attempts will be made to complete the work by the Taste of Park Ridge, which is July 10-12. Mrs. Van De Carr recommended that the Committee accept this bid from GP Maintenance Services

Mr. Benka made a

MOTION: To accept the bid from GP Maintenance Services at \$16,500 for the Library Exterior Painting project.

Mr. Van Metre SECONDED the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Monthly Facility Report

Mrs. Van De Carr reviewed the monthly facility report.

- Frosted film on the glass in the Reference loft will be 4½ feet high and will not destroy the sight lines down to the second floor.
- Electricity: some dead sockets in the 1950's section of the building were discovered. May have to run some new lines/conduit.
- Outdoor bluestone area beneath tree: Mrs. Van De Carr has found a company, Synthetic Turf of Illinois, who has a synthetic turf product with an 8 year guarantee, although it will probably last 10 years or more in our climate. Mrs. Lofthouse suggested the Library pursue this option at the \$6,680 cost. Mr. Benka brought up the problem of rug burn. Mr. Van Metre questions the Library paying for city property improvements. Mr. Schmidt stated he believes the Library should leave the area as-is.

- Re-keying locks – Mr. Mestey is a certified locksmith and can do this himself. Most of the locks have not been replaced in 30 years.
- Elevator: code and law changes have occurred. Mrs. Van De Carr will advise the Board.
- Smoking: Discussion ensued banning smoking from the Library grounds since the City bans smoking from around City Hall. The Committee decided to not proceed with such a ban since the current City ordinance provides for no smoking within 15 feet of a building entrance.
- Alderman Rich DiPietro, Mrs. Van De Carr, and Mr. Crandus met with Architect John Mackin regarding Mr. Mackin's view of the future of the Library.
- Communication with Aldermen: Mr. Van Metre spoke with Alderman Frank Wsol, whom he feels is concerned about possible expansion costs. Mrs. Lofthouse spoke with Alderman David Schmidt; he is interested in looking at the results of the Library feasibility study. Mr. John Schmidt called Alderman Tom Carey and left messages a few times and has not received any response.

Other Projects

Mrs. Van De Carr reported that the Glass Infill Wall is almost complete and replacement (of set of doors with a window) project will begin in about two weeks.

Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.

Patricia Lofthouse, Chair