

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Yankton Community
Library Building Task Force**

April 22, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Library meeting room

Task Force Chair Craig Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Task Force members Jane Bobzin, David Koerner, David Leonard, Robert Pulscher, Kathryn Reimler, and David E. Thompson. Absent with regrets were Kim Conlin, Galen Goeden, and Lori Rust. Absent without regrets was Richard Anderson. Also present was Library Director Kathy Jacobs.

Brief introductions were made and Kathryn Reimler was welcomed to the group.

Additions to the agenda:

Pulscher asked that the progress to hire a consulting architect, monetary values be assigned to the vision, and a discussion of who will hire the architect be added to the agenda.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Thompson with second by Koerner to accept minutes as printed.

Director's Report:

During the discussion of statistics that Jacobs provided, she was asked to provide statistics from 1974, the year the current facility was opened. She stated she would look through past records in search of them and would also look for the years 1980, 1990 and 2000.

When questioned about which items on the provided "Wish List" were priorities, Jacobs stated that all would need to be included in a new facility.

Old Business:

Meeting day/time:

After a brief discussion, consensus was that the group meet the fourth Wednesday of each month, changing the meeting time to 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be May 27.

Discussion of current facility:

Jacobs asked if there were further questions about the current facility since last month's tour but there were none. Pulscher asked what the City Commission's stance on condemnation of property is, but no one could answer the question. He also questioned what the use of the current library facility would be if the library moved, but that is unknown.

Community needs assessment:

Kennedy questioned whether this is a required or recommended way to proceed. Jacobs responded that there is no required process the task force needs to go through. He suggested, and it was the consensus of the task force, that this group create the vision and framework of the new facility and then take this information to the community, asking for their input at the same time. That would allow the task force to manage the process and involve the community. Pulscher suggested that at the May meeting, the special interest groups be identified.

New Business:**New library vision:**

Pulscher suggested that the task force seek local architects who are interested in consulting during the visioning process and that money for this be included in the 2010 budget process. Jacobs said that she can request that money from the 2009 library budget be reallocated to pay the consulting fee. She would request this through the City Manager who would recommend it to the Commission if he deemed it a suitable step for the task force to take. A question arose as to the authority of the task force versus the Library Board. Jacobs stated that the Library Board would have to approve the architect and consultation fee. A motion was made by Thompson with second by Leonard that Jacobs and Pulscher prescreen the local architects with those firms who are candidates for the consulting position being invited to a joint meeting with the Library Board and Task Force. There was unanimous approval.

Pulscher requested that the list of possible sites for a new facility be narrowed down to six and that a subgroup be appointed to work on this. The Yankton Mall and 31st and Douglas were added to the list. It was suggested that Dave Mingo be asked to work with the subgroup to pinpoint exact locations and give his assessment of what sites on the list may or may not be possible locations for a new facility. Jacobs was asked to contact Mingo. Motion by Pulscher with second by Reimler to appoint Bobzin, Koerner, Thompson and Jacobs to this subgroup. Unanimous approval was given.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m., at the library.

Adjourn:

Motion by Leonard with second by Bobzin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Jacobs, Library Director