



Minutes

Marshfield Library & Community Center Committee

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 4:00 p.m.

Marshfield Public Library, Beebee Forum Room

Chair Doty called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Attendance: Jean Doty, Kris Keogh, Becky Spencer, Jason Angell, Steve Barg, Kelly Cassidy, and Lori Belongia

Absent: Mat Bartkowiak, Mayor Meyer

Also present: Joanne Ampe, Floreine Kurtzweil, Dave Mitchell and Steve Scholz

There was no public comment.

Spencer moves and Keogh seconds a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2014 Library & Community Center Committee meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Thomalla dropped off a report just prior to the start of the meeting. Belongia reads from the report that in cash, paid pledges and pledges in progress a total of \$816,474 has been committed to the project with the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.

Wisconsin Geothermal Association Treasurer Dave Mitchell and Energetech Territory Manager Steve Scholz presented information on geothermal. Geothermal typically uses 1/3 of the energy used for comparably sized buildings. The increased upfront cost of geothermal is in the loop field with the mechanical portion of the system having costs in line with traditional systems. Cooling and heating is usually 4 times better with the possibility of residual heat during the cooling process being used for domestic hot water. Focus on Energy has up to \$200,000 rebates/grants available in 2014. It is possible that these funds will continue to be available in the future. As exhaust is greatly reduced, air quality is generally better. 50 year guarantees on the loop fields are

standard. Hybrid systems are possible. Consensus of the committee was to include geothermal if funding allows.

Mitchell and Scholz left the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Belongia reported that the National Endowment for the Humanities grant for \$350,000 was sent for review and comment prior to the final submission date. The application seeks support for the Children's Program Room, Teen Area, Genealogy & Local History Room and space for humanities collections.

Belongia presented the proposal for grant writing services from REAL Development Initiatives, LLC. Fundraising consultant Jodi Bender Sweeney connected with them because their work on successful grant submissions for previous projects where she was involved. This group has experience with CDBG-Public Facilities grant and USDA Community Facilities grant which are available, now, and for which we meet the grant criteria. Grants generally come with a limited window of opportunity and the opportunities are determined on a year to year basis. Grant request for \$150,000 for the CDBG grant and \$500,000 for the USDA grant would be reasonable according to the grant criteria.

Motion by Spencer, second by Keogh recommending that funds be provided to execute a contract with REAL Development Initiatives, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$29,000 to write a CDBG – Public Facilities and a USCA Community Facilities grant applications for the Library and Community Center projects with the understanding that the additional staff time required to complete the applications and administer the grants will be reallocated from existing staff schedules. All ayes, motion carried.

Bartkowiak will be asked to give the project update to the Common Council at their April 22, 2013 meeting. Included will be fundraising, geothermal discussions, grants and construction manager recommendations, and borrowing concerns with regard to pledges in progress, as well as continuing development of the designs.

Barg notes that the borrowing matter will be placed on the Common Council agenda with a request that the discussion be referred to the Finance Committee to be addressed at their May 6, 2014 meeting. Barg left the meeting a 5:18 p.m.

The committee viewed a project video produced and in part sponsored by the Marshfield Clinic.

Doty adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.