

## Minutes

Marshfield Library & Community Center Committee

Monday, May 13 2013 4:00 p.m.

Marshfield Public Library, General Meeting Room

Doty called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Attendance: Mat Bartkowiak, Russ Stauber, Jean Doty, Kris Keogh, Becky Spencer, Steve Barg, Kelly Cassidy and Lori Belongia

Absent: Mayor Chris Meyer, Jason Angell

Also present: Joanne Ampe, Dori Knoff, Floriene Kurtzweil, Laura Drendel, and Jean Swenson

Public Comment: Knoff reminded the group of the Vox Rox the Community, Leadership Marshfield awareness and fundraising concert on behalf of the Library & Community Center Project on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Station at 7:00 p.m.

Stauber moves and Bartkowiak seconds a motion to approve the minutes of the Library & Community Center Committee's April 8, 2013 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Belongia & Barg review the conversations between a small group of project representatives and the YMCA and Kids' Zone project leadership with regards to a potential merging of all the projects in a private/public partnership. This project was invited to make a proposal to the YMCA and Kids' Zone project leadership about such a blending.

Pros and Cons of such a merger were noted as follows:

### Pros

- Stronger fundraising opportunity with Meissners
- Not having to own the facility
- Synergy = Energy of body & mind
- Multigenerational opportunities
- One large activity campus (hub)
- Could make Marshfield a destination

### Cons

- Not a central location
- Negative impact to downtown
- Less visibility
- Requires additional city funding
- Transportation challenges
- Traffic flow concerns
- Public vs. membership organization (lose branding as a city facility)
- Limits future growth options

Stauber moves and Spencer seconds a motion to keep the Library & Community Center, here, on the same block. After much discussion, exploring the idea of moving the project to the north on a campus with the YMCA and Kids Zone, Doty called for a vote. Stauber & Doty vote Aye. Spencer, Bartkowiak and Keogh vote No.

More discussion followed including the importance of the project to the downtown, the potential for the merged project to be more advantageous for future growth, the possibilities of improved transportation in that area, desire to have diverse centers of activity in the community, a building that makes a statement about community pride, current users being displaced, grant possibilities in a merged project, benefits of leasing vs. owning a building. In general, the need for more information was repeated as was the desire to resolve this question quickly. Concerns about the limited fundraising time frame for the Library & Community Center project were prominent.

Bartkowiak moves to explore the merging concept for an additional period of time. The motion dies for lack of a second.

Barg suggests developing a set of criteria that must be met along with questions that would have to be satisfactorily answered before the merger could be endorsed.

The criteria and questions are listed below:

#### Criteria

- Operating Cost Caps
- 50 year Lease
- Must address Library & Community Center needs(40,000 square feet for Library plus 20,000 square feet for Senior, ADRC & Community Center needs – some space could be shared with Y or Kids Zone
- Commitment to build the entire project
- Joint fundraising efforts – One project/One effort
- Expect a 2015 groundbreaking
- Need to see the site plan for the YMCA and Kids Zone
- Building foundation must be adequate for a Library

- Ventilation must eliminate issues between library materials and the humidity of a facility connected to a swimming pool
- 150 parking stalls
- Availability of public transportation
- Senior access to YMCA equipment/programs at reduced cost

#### Questions

- How would funds raised be divided if enough is not available for the entire project?
- Who would control the design?
- How will visibility of the city's portion of the project be maintained?

The need for rapid agreement to the criteria and answers to these questions was noted.

After more discussion, Spencer moves to reconsider keeping the Library & Community Center in the downtown on the same block, Doty seconds. Stauber, Spencer, Bartkowiak & Doty vote Aye. Keogh abstains.

Stauber moves and Bartkowiak seconds a motion recommending release the remaining city funds and combined with Marshfield Public Library Foundation, Inc. funds to complete the fundraising. Stauber, Spencer, Bartkowiak & Doty vote Aye. Keogh abstains.

Spencer moves, and Bartkowiak seconds a motion recommending approval and release of city funds to move into the next phase of architectural development. Stauber, Spencer, Bartkowiak & Doty vote Aye. Keogh abstains.

Doty noted that the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. at the Library.

Stauber moves, Bartkowiak seconds a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Belongia