

DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
March 6, 2002

Environmental Studies of Cole and Ustick

Kleinfelder, Inc. is the environmental consulting firm under contract with the Boise City Public Works Department that conducted tests at the Cole and Ustick site. These tests included an ESA Phase I study to identify any hazardous materials, petroleum products, or environmental concerns with the property, plus tests for asbestos containing materials and lead based paint within the former Ridley grocery store building itself. As of this writing, the completed test reports are expected by February 25, 2002. I plan to report on the results at the Library Board meeting.

Public Hearing for Boise Police Department Headquarters Building

The City Council Public Hearing for receiving citizen comments on the plan to seek debt service and judicial confirmation for the BPD headquarters building is scheduled for March 5, 2002. I plan to attend and will be able to comment on the content and tone of the public testimony at the Board meeting. The Council will have two weeks to consider the public testimony before taking formal action on the matter at the Council meeting of March 19. My expectation is that the public comment at the public hearing for the police headquarters project will provide us with information to assist in preparation for the public hearing on the two branch library projects currently scheduled for May 14, 2002.

Construction Manager Interviews Scheduled

Representatives of four firms will be interviewed on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 and on Wednesday, March 6, 2002. Three local and one out of state firm will be interviewed out of the total of eleven firms that responded to the RFP for construction management services. Council Member Jon Mason continues to work in an advisory capacity to the evaluation committee.

Boise Smart City Initiative Committee Report

The Capital City Development Corporation Board unanimously approved the Boise Smart City Initiative Committee Report at their meeting of February 11, 2002, and directed that it be presented to the Boise City Council for their approval. The CCDC staff hope to present the report to Council sometime during March. Following Council action, I will be able to provide final copies of the Report to the Library Board members. I have participated in the Smart City Initiative as a member of the Education Subcommittee since the project began, and I have volunteered to continue as part of the implementation team. My favorite recommendation from the Education Subcommittee appears on page 12 of the draft version of the report: "Build a new main Boise Public Library building in the next five years (by 2007)."

At Home for May Day Foundation Fund-Raiser is on Track

Toni Hansen reports that the updated brochure soliciting donations for the Boise Public Library Foundation's At Home for May Day fund-raiser has been sent to Boise City Central Services for printing. Mailings will go out on March 22. Florist John Carpenter loyally continues to support this activity by creating the beautiful May baskets and providing delivery at minimal cost. For the fifth year the Idaho Shakespeare Festival has donated one season pass valued at \$95, matching a second season pass purchased by the Foundation to make up the grand prize. Contributors who make their donations by a specified date are eligible for the grand prize drawing.