

**BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
August 10, 2005**

The Boise Public Library Board of Trustees met for a Special Library Board meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2005, in the Foothills Training Center at City Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. A. J. Balukoff, President; Ms. Julie Cheever, Vice President; Ms. Martie Brennan; and Mr. Jim Thompson.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Cottrell, Library Director; Jade Riley, Assistant to Boise City Mayor; Jim Wickham, Boise City Legal Department; Susannah Price, Youth Services Division Manager; Denise McNeley, Administrative Assistant; Vicki Kreimeyer, Adult Services Division Manager; Laurel White, I.T. and Circulation Services Division Manager; Joanne Hinkel, Community Relations Coordinator; Tom Tracy, Visitor; and Linda Ugrin, Senior Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Balukoff called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

I. DISCUSS MAYOR BIETER'S PROPOSAL OF THE BRANCH LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTER

At the July 6, 2005, Library Board meeting Mr. Riley was present to convey Mayor Bieter's concept of the Boise Public Library Master Library Facility Plan to include space for some city departments to add other city services. Mr. Cottrell and Mr. Riley met with department representatives from Parks and Recreation, Police and Public Works to discuss their views on how much space they would require to offer city services to neighborhood communities.

At the August 3, 2005, Library Board meeting Mr. Riley presented an outline of the results of staff recommendations discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Cottrell explained the purpose of today's meeting is to discuss and ask for the Board's approval of the Mayor's proposal of the branch library/community center concept as presented at the August 3 Board meeting which will alter spacing for the branch libraries as outlined in the Boise Public Library Master Facility Plan. If the Board concludes they do not approve of the concept presented and have changes and comments, they will need to present their case to the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. Tom Tracy was present to show his support of the library and voice his concerns on how the branch libraries would impact the current main library. Mr. Cottrell explained that informational material would be prepared to describe the branch libraries and their relation to the main library. Funds have been set aside now to supply library collections for the branches when they open, so the collection at the main library would not be diminished. Creating a library network would include a courier to move materials within the city and to also expand the same services offered at the main library out to the branch neighborhood communities.

Mr. Balukoff shared an email received from Library Board Trustee Mr. Marc C. Johnson, who was unable to attend the Special Board meeting, supporting the branch library/community center concept. After a long discussion the Library Board concurred with Mr. Cottrell that the proposal is acceptable.

Mr. Thompson moved and Ms. Brennan seconded to support the concept of branch library/community center at the Bown Crossing, Cole and Ustick and a northwest site as proposed in the literature presented in draft form at the August 3, 2005, Library Board meeting. All in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Riley stated he would confirm the construction cost figures and present the proposal to the Boise City Council as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Thompson moved and Ms. Cheever seconded to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Balukoff adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVED

Steve Cottrell
Director

A. J. Balukoff
President, Board of Trustees