

BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
December 3, 2008

The Boise Public Library Board of Trustees met for its Regular Board meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at the West Boise branch site on the corner of Cole and Ustick.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Martie Brennan, President; Marc C. Johnson, Vice President; Denise Baird, Trustee; A. J. Balukoff, Trustee; James Thompson, Trustee; Hannah Schwarz, Youth Trustee; and Heather Smith, Youth Trustee.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Maryanne Jordan, Boise City Council Member; Jim Wickham, Boise City Legal Department; William Nation, Main Library/Public Services Manager; Rob Bousfield, Boise City Engineer; Karen Bubb, Boise City Public Arts Manager; and Linda Ugrin, Administration Senior Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR TOUR:

Denise McNeley, Operations and Outreach Manager; Joanne Hinkel, Community Relations Coordinator; Vicki Kreimeyer, Adult Services Division Manager; Laurel White, Neighborhood Library Services Manager; Chrisanne Brown, Acquisitions and Technical Services Division Manager; Diane Broom, Hillcrest Branch Supervisor; Jillian Subach, Collister Branch Supervisor; Dan Barrus, West Boise Branch Construction Manager.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Brennan called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. and requested a roll call be taken.

ROLL CALL: Baird, present; Balukoff, present; Johnson, present; Thompson, present; Brennan, present; and Youth Members Schwarz, present; Smith, present.

I. MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Baird that the November 5, 2008, Regular Board meeting minutes be approved as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

II. BILLS AND PAYROLL

MOTION by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Thompson that all bills and payroll be approved as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IV. CONTINUING EDUCATION

None

V. CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Balukoff to approve the consent items through October 31, 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nation informed the Board members that the director, Kevin Booe, was unable to attend today's meeting because he accepted an invitation to speak to the Boise Young Professionals.

VII. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

An invitation to the Friends Holiday Staff Party on December 12, at 8:45 a.m. in the Hayes Auditorium was extended to City Council and the Library Board members.

VIII. FOUNDATION REPORT

None

IX. DIVISION REPORTS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Holiday Closures for 2009

The list of the 2009 holiday proposed library closures was presented. The Library Board must approve all library closures per Idaho State code. Variations to city holidays include Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Columbus Day, which is used as a staff training day, and early closures for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve days.

It was further explained that July 4, Independence Day holiday, falls on a Saturday in 2009. The City's recognized holiday closure for city employees is on Friday, July 3. The library is requesting the Board's approval to also close on Saturday, July 4. Staff members who are scheduled to work that Saturday will flex their work schedule Monday

through Thursday of that week. Since the Main Library is closed on Sundays during the summer months, the Main Library will be closed three consecutive days. Library services will be available that weekend on Sunday at the three branch locations.

MOTION by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the proposed library system-wide 2009 holiday closures as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

West Boise Branch Art Project

Public Arts Manager Karen Bubb from the City's Arts and History department presented the proposed architectural glass project by contracted artist Judy Collins for the West Boise branch public art project.

Ms. Bubb explained that Ms. Collins researched the history of the West Boise branch area. The history, locale, and water are the basis for the glass artwork. She created four separate glass projects to be installed at the east exterior windows, the interior boulevard wall, a skylight mobile in the children's area, and a display above the fireplace hearth. The artist's concept is called "Ustick Dreaming." A wall identification plaque will be mounted by each project to give the details of the design. The design drawings, material samples, and the color palette were presented to the Board members for their inspection. Plans are to have the entire project completed by opening day in June 2009.

The public art project was budgeted for \$55,000. Ms. Collins' proposed budget is \$58,510, \$3,510 over budget.

Board members all had very favorable comments on the presentation. Mr. Johnson did note that one art piece displayed a drawing of a buffalo. As he recalled, there were no buffalos in this area. Ms. Bubb said she will ask Ms. Collins to verify her research notes.

Ms. Baird discussed what the public's perception might be on the budget of the project because of today's economy. Council member Jordan stated that the City Council has committed to making an investment in this area for Boise citizens by not just building a "box" for a branch library, but by building an architecturally designed structure for the citizens to be proud of and enjoy. The public art project is part of that investment.

Ms. Brennan noted the importance of the naming of the new branch library and if anyone has any naming ideas as they tour the site today, to please contact her or Mr. Thompson.

Ms. Bubb reported that the project will go through four reviews: Visual Arts Advisory Committee, Library Board of Trustees, Boise City Arts and History Commission, and Boise City Council. She requested the Library Board's approval to proceed with the presented architectural glass project for further approval.

MOTION by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Balukoff to proceed with the approval process of the presented West Boise branch public art project. All in favor, motion carried.

XI. SELECTION OF TRUSTEE TO REVIEW PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Mr. Balukoff was selected to be the next Trustee to review vouchers for December.

XII. SELECTION OF MEETING DATE

The next Regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2009, in the William F. Hayes Memorial Auditorium at the Main Library.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

West Boise Branch Site Tour

Ms. Brennan announced that Mr. Bousfield and Mr. Barrus will conduct a tour of the branch site following adjournment of the meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Balukoff to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Ms. Brennan adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

William Nation
Main Library/Public Services Manager

Martie Brennan
Board of Trustees President