

MINUTES
LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD
May 15th, 2008
LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
409 FOURTH AVENUE

The May 15, 2008 meeting of the Longmont Library Board was called to order at 7:02p.m. by Chairperson Viki McKinney.

1. Roll Call

Those present were Chairperson Viki McKinney, members Joan Peck, Dede Alspaugh, Paula Etrick and Brian Pixley, Councilmember Gabe Santos, Library Director Tony Brewer and Administrative Analyst Linda Murchison.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 2008 were approved without modification.

3. Business

- A. The board engaged in a detailed review of Chapter 4 of the *Longmont Public Library Long Range Plan 1998-2007*. This chapter focuses on the Library collection. The board learned that the majority of the goals set for the long range plan had either been accomplished or partially accomplished, and that many of the goals were still relevant and central to any future long-range planning efforts.

Among the many accomplishments were:

- a thorough review and update of the Library's collection development plan.
- expansion of the Spanish and Spanish bilingual collections as well as collections targeting teens patrons.
- a significant expansion of internet-enabled and quick reference computer terminals in the Library.
- increased work with the Friends of the Library to generate funds to help build the collection.
- providing patrons with dial-up access to Library databases.
- the development of print and electronic pathfinders, as well as the introduction of a web-based reference service known as "Ask Marian",
- increased use of technology to improve the acquisition, cataloging, and circulation of library materials.

Among the partially accomplished goals were:

- expansion of the non-print media collection including videos, CDs, and books on cassette. Director Brewer suggested that this needs further development, especially in light of the format changes from Videotape/cassette to DVD/CDs.
- expansion of collections targeting seniors.
- the exploration of funding opportunities available through grants.
- increasing community awareness of Library resources and services.
- addition of tools to for increasing access to individuals with special needs.

Among the goals not accomplished were:

- engaging in cooperative ventures with other community information providers, such as Front Range Community College and Longmont United Hospital.
- increasing the level of materials provided by donations and bequests.

- B. The Board reviewed the Director's *2009 Prioritized Budget Requests (as of 5/15/2008)*. Director Brewer reviewed the budget development process. The city has adopted a "budgeting for outcomes" approach, and Director Brewer discussed the possible implications for the Library budget. Chairperson McKinney suggested that citizen focus groups would be meeting in June to discuss the budget and encouraged Board members to participate.
- C. Director Brewer reviewed the logging of "incident reports" by Library staff whenever a patron engages in behaviors that are disruptive to normal Library operations.
- D. Board members began developing a presentation for review by the Longmont City Council. The presentation will focus on the value of the Library in our community, the Library's efficient use of public funds, and the projected needs of the Library.

4. Reports and Information Items.

- A. The Friends of the Library Report was presented by Dede Alspaugh. Member Alspaugh indicated that the April meeting was the Friends' Annual Meeting and included a change of Officers. She also reviewed the Friends' many fund raising activities.
- B. Mr. Brewer provided the Library Director's report. Mr. Brewer suggested that his report was embodied in items A, B, and C of this month's minutes.

5. Library Board Comments.

Councilmember Santos suggested that a redevelopment meeting was convened in council chambers. Among the topics discussed was the Twin Peaks Mall redevelopment. Mr. Santos suggested that some citizens were advocating the development of a branch library within the mall.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20p.m. The next meeting will be on June 19th, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Pixley
Secretary



Viki McKinney
Chairperson

