

A regular meeting of the Lancaster County Library System Board was held Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caroliniana Room of the Main Library. Members present: Erick Crawford, Tommy Myers, Thomas Monroe, Dianne Evans, Elizabeth Bryant, Suzanne Lever, Bruce MacDonald, Andrew Tucker, Richard Band (member ad hoc building committee), and Rita Vogel. Also present was Danny Shelley, of James, Durant, Matthews, and Shelley, Inc., AIA architects, Sumter, SC.

The meeting announcement had been publicized in the Lancaster News. Chairman Erick Crawford called the meeting to order.

No public comments were made.

Minutes from the January 27, 2014 meeting were accepted.

Mr. Shelley was introduced to the board, and proceeded to present expansion projects for the Del Webb Location and Kershaw, and two scenarios for the main location on White Street, one a restructuring of the current building, the other a new building. His grand total amounted to \$12,430,000 providing for a demolition of the current main library, replacing it with a one and a half, expandable facility of 37, 735 square feet (See attached handout).

Mr. Shelley was asked to respond to LEEDS certification for the new building. (LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to set a benchmark for design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings--<http://www.everblue.edu> April 7, 2014.) He does not recommend pursuing this as it can increase the cost of the project from 5% to 10%. It must be maintained every year, and requires vast amounts of paperwork. One can create an environmentally friendly building just by using "green" materials, recycling, and engaging energy recovery methods. Common sense construction can be just as environmentally effective.

Mr. Myers revealed that the Humana lot with the Post Office was recently purchased by an investor.

Mr. Shelley recommended that we pursue an agreement with the adjacent Baptist church to swap land for parking facility for both concerns.

Public hearings will be held starting the third week in April, at different venues.

Elizabeth Bryant moved that we ask the full figure of 12.5 million dollars to include suggested improvements to Kershaw, including a program room, Del Webb, and a new headquarters with a second floor.

Mr. Myers seconded the motion. The motion was passed with one opposed.

Timeframe: Ideally, we could begin construction in Summer 2015. Neither Indian Land nor Kershaw would need to be closed. We would need to expect the new building to take between eighteen months and two years, using as many local resources as possible.

Mr. Shelley stated that it is imperative that we find the verbiage to answer, "Why do you need it?"

A special meeting of the board was planned for Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the Main Library.

Further business:

The treasurer's report was passed unanimously.

Eric moved that a board member be the third party with the ability to sign checks, in addition to the library director and the bookkeeper.

Bruce seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Suzanne Lever agreed to be the third party.

Erick announced that Mr. Todd Solomon, due to an upcoming move to Florida, has resigned.

Thomas Monroe asked that the library provide "Darkness to Light" training for staff serving the public. Discussion in favor ensued.

Mrs. Vogel asked that the Employee Guidebook for the Lancaster County Library System be reviewed for voting, noting two changes in the current document:

- At the bottom of every page must appear: THIS GUIDEBOOK IS NOT AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.
- Library employees, in keeping with county practices, can carry over no more than 240 hours of vacation per calendar year.

9:05 p.m. Meeting adjourned