

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM**

**Carol Stream Public Library
616 Hiawatha Drive
Carol Stream, Illinois 60188**

DATE: January 20, 2005

Time: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room

The purpose of the Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole was to present revised plans for the design of a new facility, including how the proposed project will be funded and to seek input from the public. Time will be allocated to address citizen concerns and answer questions.

President Douglas began the Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

It was noted that the following Trustees were present: Trustees Hudspeath, Anderson, George, Siegman, and Douglas. Staff members and visitors were also present.

1. Welcome and Statement of Need / Board President Robert Douglas

President Douglas offered that the Board of Library Trustees reviewed the election results of March 16, 2004 and analyzed the need for a new facility. The results of a Citizen's Survey conducted by the Public Opinion Laboratory were studied extensively. The Board listened and responded to these needs and directed the architects to re-design the plans accordingly.

2. Presentation by Sente Rubel Bosman Lee Architects, Re: Revised Plans for the Design of a New Facility

Ray Lee and Louise Kowalczyk presented the revised plans for the design of a new facility. Lee noted that the firm first looked at how to reduce costs which was challenging with a 15% increase in construction costs. The re-designed building retains the essential service plan but is reduced in size from about 82,000 square feet to 71,000 square feet. It is equally efficient but more streamlined in look. More than \$1 million was saved in comparison to the original design.

3. Presentation by Steve Larson of Ehlers and Associates, Re: Financial Plan to Fund the Remaining Cost of the New Library Facility Site, Building, Equipment, and Materials

Steve Larson detailed the financial plan to fund the new facility with total project costs at \$18.5 million and \$1 million for Library materials. Fixed interest rates are estimated for 19-20 years. Larson felt that rates are favorable now at between 4% and 4.25%. He emphasized that the Board is not asking for an increase to the operating rate with this referendum. The \$1 million added for library materials should support operating revenue

for a few years. The initial total project cost was estimated at \$20.5 million – the revised plan totals \$18.5 million.

4. Information, Regarding the 2005 Library Referendum Committee

Assistant Library Director Ann Kennedy noted that the unsuccessful referendum effort last March was not for lack of trying. She cited the hard work of those who worked on the previous referendum committee and stressed the need to form another such group to work on this referendum. Ann said an army of volunteers was needed to help to get the Library's story out. The first meeting of the 2005 Library Referendum Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. There should only be about four meetings in the two-month campaign effort. Ann acknowledged the Friends of the Carol Stream Public Library for pledging \$2000.00 to the Referendum Committee to help fund the campaign.

President Douglas thanked everyone for coming and offered refreshments. He asked the group to leave with one thought – if you take the \$98.00 (cost of the bond issue for a \$250,000 home), it would cost 25 cents a day to get a new Library.

Lynn O'Dell, Library Director
for the
Board of Library Trustees of the
Village of Carol Stream