

Request For City Council Action

Date: May 17, 2011

Agenda Section: Consent Agenda No. 4	Originating Department: City Clerk's Office
Item: Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees No. 4.3	Approved:

Attached for Council review and acceptance are minutes of meetings from City boards, commissions and committees which have recently been sent to the City Clerk's Office.

Recommended Action:

The Council is requested to accept the following sets of minutes and place them on file:

Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees – March 9, 2011

Liquor Advisory Board – February 28, 2011

Engineering Approval Obtained	Finance Approval Obtained	Legal Approval Obtained	Approval Obtained	Manager's Approval Obtained
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Council Action: Motion by _____ 2nd by _____ to _____

Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees

March 9, 2011

4:30 p.m.

Meeting Room
405 West Main St.

MINUTES

Call to order:

Board President Roland Person called the meeting to order at 4:32p.m.

Board Members Present:

Roland Person, President (2)
Barbara Levine, Vice President (1)
Harriet Simon, Secretary
Julian Pei (1)
Don Prosser (3)
Hazel Grant

Board members absent:

Joyce Hayes (2)

The number following a Trustee's name indicates the number of absences this fiscal year.

Visitors present:

One Carbondale High School Student

President's report:

Hazel Grant took Oath of Office of Library Trustee, as administered by Board President, Roland Person.

Secretary's report:

Minutes of February 16, 2011 Board of Trustees Meeting accepted with one requested amendment: Add "submitted by" and "prepared by" information. Barbara Levine moved to approve minutes with requested amendment. Harriet Simon seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Correspondence and communications:

1. Jackson County Board of Review: Wal-Mart requests reduction in excess of \$100,000. Julian Pei explained that Walmart would be lowering its tax bill, amounting to an \$18,400 total loss between all taxing bodies. Julian estimates that this would be about a \$10,000 drop to schools. However, it is new money, not previously on the tax rolls. Barbara Levine was asked whether the school board used to dispute these reductions. She said, perhaps once in the years she served. Julian said that the home owners get an additional burden when landlords and commercial entities appeal for tax reductions. Aspen Court reduced from 9 million to 5 million (Pei). He wishes that ordinary taxpayers would speak up. We disputed EDR Carbondale LLC last month and received a letter that they've requested further reduction & a hearing will be tomorrow. The Board, after discussion decided not to dispute Wal-Mart because it seemed like a done deal. Pei was pleased that the Board of Review, while it did allow a partial reduction, did not allow the full requested reduction for Wal-Mart.

2. The Director read a parting letter from outgoing Trustee Helen Repp. The letter expressed: Gratitude to the Board; sadness that Mayor Cole replaced Trustees Pat Brigham and herself without extending the common courtesy of letting them know his intentions; confidence in the Library Director, and pride in her role in that hiring decision; continued support for “what I believe is an extremely important institution in our community.”

Financial report:

1. Approval of bills payable February 16, 2011 to March 15, 2011. Discussed Quality Water Treatment, which is an annual bill. Don Prosser moved to pay bills. Julian Pei seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.
2. Acceptance of the financial report. Discussed landscaping. The Director is collecting bids for a new landscaping contract. Julian Pei moved to accept financial report. Harriet Simon seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Director’s report:

Discussed the new library system, now named Illinois Heartland Library System. It constitutes a merger of the Shawnee, Lewis & Clark, Rolling Prairie and Lincoln Trail library systems. Discussed workshops underway for the Virginia Wellington Cabot Foundation “Ready For Work” grant. Discussed the Illinois Eliminate the Digital Divide Grant (EDD) application submitted.

Committee reports:

None

Unfinished business:

None

New business:

None

Other:

The Board requests that the minutes state official thanks to our departed Board members. The Board commends the three departed Trustees: Pat Brigham, Helen Repp, and Zachary Sapienza. Roland Person especially thanks Helen Repp for her leadership during the time of our search for a new Director.

Adjournment:

Board President Roland Person adjourned the meeting at 5:16pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Harriet Simon, Secretary

Prepared by:

Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director

Next Board Meetings (all in Public Library meeting room, 4:30p.m. Second Wednesday of each month):
April 13, 2011; May 11, 2011; June 8, 2011; July 13, 2011; August 10, 2011; September 14, 2011;
October 12, 2011; November 9, 2011; December 14, 2011



Liquor Advisory Board February 28, 2011

The City of Carbondale's Liquor Advisory Board held a meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2011, in Room 103 of the Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Chairman Mark Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. with the following-named members of the Board present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: John Benschhoff, Nick Ferraro, and Mark Robinson

Excused: Steve Payne, David Loftus, John Mills

Absent: None

A quorum was present. Also present was City Clerk Rachael Keehn.

2. Approval of Minutes

J. Benschhoff moved, N. Ferraro seconded, that the minutes of February 3, 2011, be approved. VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared carried.

3. General Business

M. Robinson noted that after the February meeting, Mr. James Karayiannis of Pinch Penny Pub was asked to attend this meeting to answer questions about the Second Quarter Report from the Police and Fire Departments which was reviewed at the last meeting. Mr. Karayiannis was present to answer questions. In response to Board inquiry, Mr. Karayiannis said that he was unsure why the underage arrests were higher this year than last, but that Pinch Penny Pub serves a much higher volume of customers than some of the other bars in town. M. Robinson suggested that new or additional security measures should be implemented. Mr. Karayiannis acknowledged that he would consider that. He also remarked that he and his staff work hard to enforce the rules. Mr. Karayiannis also suggested that maybe the Carbondale Police Department was issuing more tickets this year than last in general. The Board thanked Mr. Karayiannis for coming and responding to their inquiries.

4. Scheduling of Next Meeting

M. Robinson noted that the next scheduled meeting is April 7, 2011.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this meeting, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:10 p.m.