

Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
June 14, 2006

Attending: Regina Hansen, Matthew Sperber, Ralph Veters, Mark Howland, June Pietrantonio, Lillian Riley, Ellen Rauch

Ellen Rauch reported that there are discussions about care of the West Branch Library. We are attempting to fill 2 positions, Asst. Director for operations, and one for technology. In the FY07 budget, the city has agreed to pay half of the Sunday opening costs if the state pays the other half. The library will be open on Saturdays during the summer, from 9 am – 5 pm.

The collections policy has been revised by the staff. It has been circulated to the board for review. Mr. Smith moved that the board vote to accept the policy, with an addition that any access parameters to internet use will be publicly noted. Mr. Sperber seconded. Unanimously approved.

Mark Howland introduced the West ranch issues of the garden, the bathroom, and the proposed stenciling project.

There is a new plan for the garden at the West Branch, and there are reports that the Garden Club and DPW are making progress on agreeing on the new look of the Garden. The board expressed their appreciation for the Garden Club's work. Regarding the stencil project, Mr. Howland suggested that we take the position that no permanent changes be made to the West Branch until our plan for new library facilities is finalized. It was the sense of the board that it was appropriate for Ms. Rauch to inform the parties of this position.

DPW has gutted the bathroom in the West Branch and is remodeling it.

The Planning Committee presented a draft schedule for building a new library, and how the city and the state might be involved in funding.

Board members reported on their conversations with citizens regarding issues that were important to them if there was a new library: these included - Location, hours, condition of building, parking, T access.

The community relations committee has been looking at ways to increasing our network of contacts in the neighborhoods of the city. A fall town meeting in October is one proposal that the committee discussed. Such an event would be a lot of work in outreach to particular people and groups. The board agreed to meet later in June to plan for this meeting.

James H. Smith  
Secretary