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### PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Library Board of Trustees

February 21st, 2002

Dickson Board Room - Main Library

Charlotte, North Carolina

TRUSTEES PRESENT STAFF PRESENT OTHERS PRESENT

C. Don Steger, Chairman

Patsy Kinsey

Robert Bisanar

Laura Foxx

Kathi Knier

## TRUSTEES ABSENT

Rev. William Wood, Vice Chair

Patty Norman Robert Cannon, Executive Director

Judith Sutton, Deputy Director

Carol Myers

Dick Pahle

Helene Blowers

Rich Rosenthal

Rita Rouse

Melanie Huggins

Susan Herzog

Warren Graham

Chuck Mallas

Karen Beach

Cindy Miles

Linda Vitlar Robert Stephens, Attorney

Michele Wayman, Reporter

## MINUTES

Chairman Don Steger called meeting to order at 12:05

p.m.

Gantt-Huberman Architects presented plans for the final design development of the Children's Learning Center. To accommodate the budget, the structure was now basically glass and concrete with a smaller lower level garage.

However, units had been added to the roof to allow light in, the entrance had been improved and the square footage of the building had not been reduced.

Project designer Malcolm Holzman assured the Trustees and staff that the building program had not been compromised and that the building had incorporated many features of "green" (environmentally friendly) or "performance" architecture into its designs. The building was open, light, highly accessible and fun. The large theatre would be covered in copper or metal, the entrance area, consisting of the storytime room and teen center on the second floor, would be stone and three large block structures, covered with colored tile, would provide excitement and dynamic to the structure.

Director Cannon introduced the Library's Management team and presented the Director's Award to Terri Wilburn, "Epixtech" Administrator, from the Information

Technology Department.

Carol Myers, Director of Public Services, introduced library consultant Dick Waters who presented the proposed draft of the "Library Facilities Master Plan". Using the latest population statistics from the Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Department, the consultant projected the need for new branch libraries for the next ten years. The consultant displayed maps of the county, showing five-mile "spheres of influence" for library service areas.

The Trustees may hold a workshop on the master plan at a later date. [Carol Myers would also present the draft plan to the Board of County Commissioners at a later date.]

Chairman Steger entered a motion to approve the minutes of November 2001 and January 2002 meeting. Patsy Kinsey moved to accept the minutes. Laura Foxx seconded and the minutes were approved.

Eric Vargosko from the Crosland Group presented plans for the Mountain Island Village project; site of the new Coulwood Branch Library. The library will proceed with plans to build a 15,000 square foot library at this location.

Rich Rosenthal, Chief of Operations, recommended that American Eastern Builders, Inc. be awarded the contract for the new Sugar Creek Branch Library in the amount of \$2,325,270. There was a mathematical error on the bid tabulations copied for the Library Board of Trustees. A corrected tabulation is attached to these minutes. On a motion by Patsy Kinsey, seconded by Robert Bisanar, and passed unanimously, the Trustees authorized a contract with the low bidder.

Rich Rosenthal, Chief of Operations, discussed the possibilities of a new Myers Park Branch Library, pointing out that he had already met with the neighborhood organization. The community appeared to be in favor of a new library but they (specifically the Homeowners Association) were equally or more concerned about the disposition of the old library. They wanted it maintained, kept the same way. One option would be for PLCMC to retain ownership, leasing the facility with appearance controls, etc., long term.

There was some discussion about restrictive deed

restrictions on the proposed site, which would need to be removed. It was expected that more information would be forthcoming on this project. The existing Myers Park facility is 46 years old and the most inadequate for its community in the entire county.

Trustees Don Steger and Kathi Knier agreed to work with Director Cannon and Rich Rosenthal to interview architects for the new Coulwood library, then making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Rich Rosenthal will send out "requests for proposals" to local architectural firms.

Director Cannon told the Trustees about the library's projected budget problems for FY 2003 and he mentioned several alternative strategies to reduce the library budget. His report is attached to these minutes. The Trustees indicated that vacant positions should be cut first but reduction in hours of service and outreach services might have to be done. Director Cannon said more information would be coming to the Trustees in March.

A Public Hearing about the Children's Internet Protection Act was held. No one from the public spoke. Rich Rosenthal, Chief of Operations, explained that the Library is in compliance with the requirements of the "Children's Internet Protection Act" (CIPA) to continue to receive federal funds. He reviewed the history and current status of CIPA and its impact and significance to PLCMC. The portion of the law requiring Internet filtering is stayed pending review in federal court. PLCMC is in compliance with all aspects of the law and is ready to implement any requirements of the federal government.

With no further business Patsy Kinsey, acting on behalf of Chairman Don Steger, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Cannon

Secretary

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