

Special Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Friday, June 06, 2003 - Library Board Room
03:30 PM - 05:00 PM

Minutes of Actions and Decisions of the Board of Library Trustees of the Bellingham Public Library as Authorized by RCW 27.12.210 and SEC. 7.02 Charter of the City of Bellingham.

Board Members Present: Alan Kemble, H.A. Barney Goltz, Judith Wiseman, Karen Durham, Tim Douglas

Board Members Absent:

Library Staff: Julie Carterson

Others:

Background: Though the Board had initially decided not to participate in a fundraising feasibility study, members subsequently decided to reopen the discussion. Alan arranged a meeting with a consultant from the Alford Group on Tuesday, June 3, 2003. The Board called a special meeting for June 6, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss a study.

Discussion Item: Feasibility Study

Karen expressed concerns about being publicly associated with the PFD, but noted that such a study would have to be conducted sometime. She recognized that initiating a study later would be far costlier than “piggy-backing” on a study in preparation. Tim agreed observing that it would be very helpful to assess the community’s capacity and willingness to support a capital library campaign.

Barney indicated that such studies were well worth the cost. Judith suggested the Board not let loose of the questions and advocated for the Board to maintain control of those the library needs to be answered. She recommended that a contract with the Alford Group be carefully crafted. Alan supported the proposal to develop an addendum to the contract between the Alford Group and the PFD. The Board agreed to raise \$3000 in matching funds to participate in the fundraising feasibility study.

Action: Motion made by Barney Goltz, seconded by Judith Wiseman.

The Board of Trustees of the Bellingham Public Library agrees to participate in the feasibility study being conducted by the Alford Group to determine the potential private support and available philanthropic resources that might contribute to a future library project.

The Board will seek independent funds to participate; no taxpayer money will be used. The Board agrees to have Alan Kemble, Chair, sign an addendum to the agreement between the Whatcom County-Bellingham Public Facilities District and the Alford Group.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Chair, Library Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Library Board of Trustees