

Special Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Monday, April 27, 2009 - Library Board Room
04:00 PM - 04:50 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: Chairperson: David Edelstein, Vice-Chairperson: Faye Hill, J. Robert Gordon, Marilyn Mastor

Board Members Absent: Vicky Marshall

Library Staff: Pamela Kiesner; Christine Perkins; and Gladys Fullford

Others: Brad Cornwell, RMC Architects, Kathie Wilson,
Friends of the Bellingham Public Library

Called to order: Special session was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair, David Edelstein.

Public Comment: Pam Kiesner introduced Kathie Wilson, President of Friends of the Bellingham Public Library.

Change June 16 Board meeting date: Pam Kiesner and Christine Perkins will be attending grant training in Minneapolis. The June Board meeting will be June 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Fairhaven Branch Library repairs project: Bid opening was this morning. Brad Cornwell, RMC Architects, passed out a summary of the six bidders and the unit prices. Dawson Construction appears to be the low bidder at this time. Ebenal General is second lowest. Brad's office is reviewing the subcontractor requirements and qualifications.

Unit prices 1A and 1B are for amount of brick face replacement beyond or under 110 square feet; 2A and 2B are for the consolidation of sandstone, and 3A and 3B deal with whether the paint on brick surface tests for lead and whether the paint is adhered to the stucco. The first test did not contain lead above the federal guidelines. Whatcom Environmental Services will be conducting further testing of the paint: where it was applied directly to the brick and where lath and wire mesh was over the paint.

The unit pricing illustrates areas where there may be a potential for change orders, depending on the full extent of lead paint under the stucco and corresponding need to abate it, and depending on the condition of the underlying brick and sandstone. We will not know the full extent until all the stucco has been removed. If we remain under budget, we could ask the general contractor to do an estimate for illumination of exterior Fairhaven signage on the south wall and installing exterior outlets for holiday lighting, as requested by the Friends of the Fairhaven Branch Library. Another possibility would be to direct the general contractor to pull shelving away from walls to do the window repairs.

The new book drop will be installed on a temporary pad, site to be determined, possibly near the flag pole or on the sidewalk near the Hagggen-owned vacant lot next door during construction. It will be moved to its new permanent site in front of the library at the end of the project.

Faye Hill made the motion to approve the apparent low responsible bidder pending further qualifications of the bid, and to forward the information to City Council for their approval. Marilyn Mastor seconded. The motion carried.

Faye Hill made the motion to close the Fairhaven Branch Library for approximately 120 days for reasons of public and staff safety during construction. Marilyn Mastor seconded. Following discussion the motion was modified to approximately 150 days. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Chair, Library Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Library Board of Trustees