

OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Wes McCoy called the special meeting of the Olathe Public Library Board to order at 12:15 p.m. Members present were Darryl Ashley, Dana Campbell, Jack Hansen, Tom Hutcheson, Peggy Ingle (President of the Friends of the Library) and Library Director Emily Baker. Absent was Cathie Bennie, Rodney Birch, Cliff Tatham (Chairperson of Olathe Public Library Foundation Board) and Mayor Michael Copeland. Also attending was Ellen Miller, consultant, Andy Hyland, Olathe Government Reporter with the Kansas City Star Neighborhood News and library employee Leslie Ellsworth.

2. OPL FACILITIES TASK FORCE REPORT

Dana Campbell reviewed the Olathe Public Library Facilities Task Force Report for board members. The recommendations were based on the following five factors:

1. Needs, not costs, should drive the Olathe Public Library facilities program.
2. The Olathe Public Library facilities program should follow development, not lead it.
3. To support both community-wide goals and individual needs.
4. To show the voters why they need more space, how they will benefit and how much it will cost them.
5. To support Olathe's growing values to "Go Green".

The recommendations of the Task Force were broken down by needs, facility features, locations, financial mix, and marketing. The Task Force's plan calls for rebuilding the main library in downtown Olathe, expanding the Indian Creek Branch Library and building a new library in northwest Olathe. In addition, reassess the library's current vacant property at 172nd and Mur-len as the area becomes more developed. The report calls for a two-phase marketing program. The first phase is to build community awareness and the second phase involves a voting campaign.

3. CONSIDERATION THAT FACILITIES TASK FORCE REPORT AND TWENTY-YEAR MASTER PLAN BE PLACED FOR APPROVAL ON MAY 21st AGENDA

Tom Hutcheson moved to place the Facilities Task Force Report and Twenty-Year Master Plan on the May 21st agenda for approval. Seconded by Jack Hansen and motion passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

President Wes McCoy adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Jack Hansen, Secretary