

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Monday, September 21, 2015, 6:30pm Estes Valley Library / Wasson Room

President Plaut called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm on Monday, September 21, 2015 in the Wasson Room at the Estes Valley Library. The following were present:

**TRUSTEES:** Peter Plaut, President; Sharon Poggenpohl, Vice-president; Marjorie Hancock, Secretary; Don Bryson, Treasurer; Debra Dullaghan, Kirsten Hardin via telephone

**STAFF:** Claudine Perrault, Kieran Rowser

**FRIENDS & FOUNDATION LIAISON:** John Krueger, President

**GUESTS:** Mary Davis, David Batey, JoAnn Batey, Keith Berndtson, Jon Nicholas

Public Comments: Berndtson: Concerning the proposed Community Center, commented, with approximately 5000 families in Estes Park in the summer, and the \$25,000,000 cost of building the Community Center, results in a \$5000 cost per family. Adding the cost of interest, each family would contribute \$10,000 to the building of the Center. On top of this, fees are projected. Berndtson suggests a less "elaborate" design.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Board of Trustees meeting Minutes: August 17, 2015
  2. Income & Expense report: August 31, 2015 Year-To-Date
  3. Study Session: Centennial Year planning: Thursday, September 3, 2015
- Poggenpohl moved, and Dullaghan seconded a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Ayes all. **(15-17)**

### **Guest Presentation**

- Community Recreation Center Project: Election and financial projections - Mary Davis, Interim Executive Director, Estes Valley Recreation & Park District:
  - In response to the public comment, Davis reported that the population of the Estes Valley Recreation & Park District (EVPRD) is 11,000 year round residents, per the Census Bureau. Cost per family is estimated by the assessed valuation of property. The bond issue is for \$19,083,000, due to approximately \$5,000,000 being available over 5 years from the 1% sales tax. There will also be cost sharing between entities that are partnering with the EVPRD. Also, there will be membership fees for certain uses, including use of the pool, fitness center, room rent, etc.
  - In response to a question by Bryson regarding the EVRPD's no longer seeking grants for the Community Center, Davis said that once building begins, donors may be more willing to step up. Grants could also be sought. Plaut asked if other towns with bond issues are also charging use fees. Citizen J. Batey responded in the affirmative. Citizen D. Batey added that, of 48 community centers in the state, only one was struggling due to economic stress in the area. Plaut expressed his feeling that it is important that the question of fees be presented to the voters. Concerning fees, Davis stated that once the bond issue is passed, community input would be sought to help determine fees and access. Fees would be set to be reasonable for all families, plus it's the EVRPD's desire to keep fees low for residents since they're already paying property taxes. Bryson expressed concern that there could be a competitive aspect in relation to other fitness clubs in Estes. Davis responded that the intention is not to be competitive. People that are seriously interested in health and exercise would continue with their current

memberships in the fitness clubs. D. Batey added that the equipment in the health clubs is more “serious,” i.e., more elaborate than those projected to be had by the Community Center. Batey also added that, since the school district is transferring property to the EVRPD, there would be a great savings in property purchase costs.

### **Action Item**

Policy Committee – Dullaghan

Approve revised Patron Behavior policy

Hardin moved, and Hancock seconded a motion to approve the revised Patron Behavior policy. Ayes all. **(15-18)**

### **Strategic Discussion & Reports**

Gov’t Affairs – President Plaut:

Community discussion re: Bringing back an Urban Renewal Authority (URA)  
Plaut stated, because of the impact on the library’s property tax revenue, an URA would not benefit the library. Poggenpohl asked about the wording in the new state statute concerning taxing entities being able to negotiate with URAs on the level of impact on those entities’ tax revenue: could the library limit the amount it gave a URA? Plaut replied that he didn’t think it works that way.

Perrault added that she’d been discussing the issue with Jon Nicholas of the Estes Park Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and has asked Nicholas to look into the greater implications of a new URA being introduced to Estes Park.

Nicholas will present his findings at his earliest convenience. Perrault will report to the Board at October’s meeting.

Nominating committee – VP Poggenpohl:

Poggenpohl reported that there are two well-qualified candidates. They will be presented to the Board at October’s meeting.

Finance Committee report: Treasurer Bryson:

Bryson reported on 2016 projected property tax revenue in regard to the original 10-year financial plan. Based on 2013 District property values, the voter-approved tax assessment increase to 4.52 mills was to generate \$1.512M in revenue for each subsequent year. Primarily due to 2013 flood, actual property tax revenue in 2014 was \$1.442M, and is estimated for 2015 to be \$1.391M. This has resulted in shortfalls of about \$70K and \$121K respectively for each year, about \$191K in total. Larimer County projections for 2016 indicate a significant reversal with property values increasing and District property tax revenue expected to be approximately \$1.534M, \$22K greater than the original annual plan. This additional amount will help alleviate the problem, reducing the cumulative shortfall to about \$169K. If the District property values remain at this new level, it would still take another 8 years to completely eliminate the shortfall, which is the time remaining in the 10-year plan. But, current economic evidence optimistically suggests that property values should continue to rise and reduce the time needed to get this source of revenue back on track.

Friends & Foundation Report: Krueger:

Krueger has asked the F&F Board executive committee to review the library’s funding requests in advance of the F&F Board’s full meeting. Clarification is being sought in time for the library Board meeting in October. Jerry Kennell has been elected to the F&F Board as chairman of Membership/Development. Kennell fills the remainder of the term due to a previous Board member’s

resignation. Ann Coleman, Barbara Headley and Diane Shriver are up for reelection at the F&F potluck and business meeting September 22. Krueger concluded by stating that the F&F's finances are good.

**Director's Report: Perrault**

Perrault referred to the strategic funding requests for 2016, as submitted by each person/team responsible for meeting the individual goals. The Board needs to review the requests and prioritize them.

**Upcoming Meetings –**

1. Board Study Session: 2016 Budget direction discussion - Thursday, October 1
2. Board Regular Meeting: Monday, October 19

**Other Events**

- Tuesday, September 22 – F&F Annual Membership Potluck: YMCA of the Rockies
- Friday, October 2 – 5:30p: One Book / One Valley Opening Reception
- Saturday, October 10 – 1p - 4p: Kerry Aiken retirement party
- Monday, October 12 - Library Closed: Volunteer Luncheon & Staff Develop. Day
- October 22 – 24 – Colorado Association of Libraries annual conference: Loveland

Adjourned at 9:04pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Marjorie Hancock, Board Secretary  
Minutes prepared by Kieran Rowser

**[Attachments]**

**ESTES VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Resolutions from September 21, 2015

**(15-17)** Poggenpohl moved, and Dullaghan seconded a motion to accept the September Consent Agenda. Ayes all.

**(15-18)** Hardin moved, and Hancock seconded a motion to approve the revised Patron Behavior policy. Ayes all.

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**Peter Plaut, President**  
Estes Valley Public Library District  
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**Marjorie Hancock, Secretary**  
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