

Capital Facilities Committee Meeting
November 16, 2009
4:30 p.m.

1. Call meeting to order: Alderperson Curt Konetzke called meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Membership:

Present:

Will Bloedow, Lynn Hagee, Don Hietpas, Alderperson Curt Konetzke, Lisa Remiker (4:40 pm), **Pat Schinabeck**, Jim Walsh, Dave Willems, Liz Witek

Excused:

Alderperson Ed Baranowski, Director Dean Gazza, Director Karen Harkness, Director Paula Vandehey

Others Present:

Terry Dawson, Michael Kenney, Mike Kemmeter – WHBY, Alderperson Michael Meyer, Colleen Rortvedt, Maureen Ward, Tony Wieczorek

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting were approved (motion by Walsh/second by Bloedow) (9-0).

4. Appearances

None

5. Action Items

None

6. Information Items

a. Review of 2010 City Budget

Konetzke distributed the City of Appleton 2010 Budget Capital Improvements Program Project Request (page 672); Library Site Selection Process. He noted as of final adoption of the 2010 City Budget (11/11/2009) the project CIP is in the 5 year plan, with \$75,000 slated for site selection process in 2011. Konetzke said he waited until he felt there had been sufficient discussion by Council on Budget Saturday (10/24/09) before he spoke about the project. Alderperson Brooker then moved to move the CIP request for \$75,000 for site selection process to 2011. This means that the project is still in the list of possible future projects, but the list is changeable and no funds are yet approved.

The Committee meeting schedule for the remainder of the year was discussed. Konetzke said the next two meetings will be cancelled (11/30/09 and 12/14/09), and he would like to resume the meetings after the first of the year. Unfortunately, he is not available on January 4, 2010, so the next meeting will occur on January 18, 2010.

b. Discussion of decision points / action steps for committee

Konetzke distributed copies of the Post Crescent *Reader Reaction Forum: Should Appleton build a new public library* dated November 9, 2009 for review. The opinion expressed by Joe Cahill suggesting to build a branch library was brought to the committee's attention. Konetzke said a branch library may be worth taking a closer look at even though both studies gave rationale why a branch library was not a good option. He believes the committee should try to answer questions the public has been asking about whether or not there is a need for a new library.

Discussion regarding the next steps of action for the committee ensued. Committee members agreed each committee member brought different levels of knowledge and information about the Library project to the table and there is a need to level the information playing field. It was decided to discuss the following action points in the following order:

1. Viability of Studies
2. Branch library vs. single library
3. Remodel vs. new – overall city needs

not put into particular order but considered for further discussion will be:

- Budget funds
- Review of City Facilities Master Plan

The goal is to discuss each action point thoroughly, one at a time, and then forward committee recommendations on each action point to the Administrative Services Committee and then the Common Council and Library Board. Konetzke said he does not have a set time table but noted as of April 15, 2010 he will no longer be Council President or chairperson of the Capital Facilities Committee unless the new Council President asks him to serve.

Another key component is the City's Facilities Master Plan which has not been released. Committee members feel this will be an essential piece to consider in the decision making process. Dawson noted this could be critical for the remodel vs. new decision.

Schinabeck suggested holding a public hearing to help answer the community's questions and concerns regarding a new library. Dawson said that additional hearings could be scheduled, and that two public hearings had been held during the 2008 study process, with approximately 50 people attending. Rortvedt said the library had recorded the public hearings and they are available for review.

Konetzke asked committee members to email him or Dawson with any other ideas on critical points for discussion.

7. Adjourn

Witek moved to adjourn, seconded by Willems. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. (9-0)