



LIBRARIES

**Library Board Facilities Committee Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2016, 9:30 am
Director's Office**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Jane Lopp, Michael Morton, Connie Leistiko (Board); Kim Crowley, Connie Behe, (Staff)

Call to Order: J. Lopp called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed draft letter to be presented to the Library Foundation at the Foundation's August 17th planning retreat. After discussion:

M. Morton moved to approve the letter as presented with the changes agreed upon to paragraph 4.

Leistiko seconded.

Unanimous approval.

The approved letter is copied below and will be presented by Guidi at the August 17th Foundation planning retreat.

17 August 2016

Letter to Foundation re: CHS Property on 4th Ave EN, Kalispell

Dear Library Foundation Board,

The Foundation has been an integral part of the library's success for the past 26 years. With the current support and advocacy of the Foundation, ImagineIF has gained attention for its unique and innovative programs that have made our libraries leaders in the state of Montana and newsworthy nationwide. The Library Board and staff are extremely grateful for all of the energy and funding that the Foundation has expended in its support of ImagineIF Libraries.

As you know, we have the opportunity to work with the Flathead County Economic Development Authority to secure a highly desirable 4.3 acre property on 4th Avenue EN, currently occupied by the CHS Agronomy Center. The Library has spent considerable time and effort trying to identify and secure a property for a new central library in Kalispell and this property meets all of the criteria for an exceptional site.

The Library Foundation is uniquely positioned to further assist the Library and community in acquiring this piece of property. The Foundation has invested considerable money into a feasibility study that is exploring the best means to raise significant money to design and build a new Library through a capital campaign.

The Library Board of Trustees would like the Foundation to consider partnering with the Library by entering into a purchase option with FCEDA for the Cenex property and potentially purchasing the property at a later date. The Trustees understand and appreciate the risk inherent with this transaction and are hopeful that the Foundation is willing to help us move this project forward.

The Library Board of Trustees will be active participants in the requisite fundraising and advocacy that will need to occur should the Library and Foundation decide to enter into a capital campaign. The Trustees also understand that the Foundation's ability to supplement the Library's current revenue stream may be effected if the property is purchased and a capital campaign is launched.

We appreciate the dedication of the Foundation Board, which has enhanced the library's ability to arrive at this juncture. We look forward to hearing your decision on the acceptance of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Terry Guidi, Chair
ImagineIF Library Board of Trustees