

## Holdrege Area Public Library

### Library Planning Committee Meeting January 27, 2026

The meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library Planning Committee was called to order at 4:04 in the conference room in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act, posted on the north wall of the room. Committee members Cassie Ehrenberg, Julie Johnson, Lori Larson, Annette Sindt, Cindy Woollen, and Sue Christensen were present, as was Library Director Sierra Burrows. Members Maureen Epping, Bill Yochum, Rosanna Meyer, and Anna Sertich did not attend. Leland Rodewald was in attendance representing Friends of the Library. Matt Kreutzer from CMBA and Wendy Townley, Scott Larson, and Ryan Strawhecker from Strawhecker Nonprofit Services participated in the meeting via Zoom.

**Public Forum:** There were no members of the public present.

**Business:** A motion was made by Cassie Ehrenberg, seconded by Cindy Woollen, to accept the minutes of the January 20th LPC meeting. The motion passed with affirmative votes from all members present: Cassie Ehrenberg, Julie Johnson, Lori Larson, Annette Sindt, Cindy Woollen, and Sue Christensen.

Director Burrows reported that the January 22<sup>nd</sup> presentation at the Rotary meeting was well received.

The Strawhecker team gave an update, starting with a review of materials about campaign steering committee member qualifications, responsibilities, and additional involvement. They also provided a list of names of people who had self-identified, or who were suggested by others during interviews and/or on the surveys who would be/might be interested in accepting committee assignments. Discussion followed about the differences between the positions of Campaign Chair and Honorary Campaign Chair. The LPC was encouraged to begin the process of reviewing the names provided, supplementing the list as other potential candidates are identified in an effort to start the selection process.

Matt from CMBA reported that he spoke with City Administrator Chris Rector regarding the impact an \$8 million dollar bond would have on property taxes: estimated to be \$0.12 per \$100 valuation, or \$120 annually on a home valued at \$100,000.00. He also learned that the city would require a design-bid-build delivery method, not the construction manager at risk method. Matt also provided information showing the comparison of area between floor plans of the existing building and floor plans of the proposed building. Additionally, he provided data charts outlining overall project cost considerations and financial impacts related to scope and size.

Next Step SNS: A review of progress, presentation materials for upcoming mini-meetings with city council and county commissioner members and discussion of next steps will be provided during a Zoom call with Director Burrows next Tuesday at 3:00. Members are encouraged to participate in that call, if possible.

Next step CMBA: CMBA will provide updated visuals, estimating delivery of those visuals in 2 weeks.

Next step LPC: The Library Planning Committee members will receive materials, will prepare to make presentations, and will schedule their participation in the mini-meetings with City Council and County Commissioner board members. Those meetings are scheduled to begin on February 9th. The next LPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 in the library meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Christensen, secretary