MINUTES LAS VEGAS-CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING LAS VEGAS, NEVADA FEBRUARY 10, 2005 (approved March 10, 2005)

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District met in the Las Vegas Library, Las Vegas, Nevada, at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 10, 2005.

Present: Board: E. Sanchez, Chair

V. Davis-Hoggard, Member

K. Carter, Member A. Arthurholtz, Member

Counsel: G. Welt

Staff: Daniel L. Walters, Executive Director

Numerous Staff

Chair E. Sanchez, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call As listed above.

Agenda Chair Sanchez moved to approve the Agenda as proposed. There was

no opposition and the motion carried.

Possible discussion and direction to staff and the Board's Legislative Committee regarding planning for the 2005 Legislative Session and responding to proposed legislation affecting the District. (Item III.A.)

Trustee Davis-Hoggard asked about the proposed legislation being pushed by Henderson and where it is in the system. Executive Director Walters answered that the bill had not been released yet. It has not been assigned a number. Lobbyist Crowell is keeping a watchful eye on it.

Walters stated that there have been some very positive meetings with commissioners. Consensus seems to be that all would prefer to settle the issue locally rather than legislatively. The District's stand on the conflict appears to be reasonable to the Commissioners.

The Executive Director explained the nuances of settling the dispute with Henderson and the length of time that it would take to transfer Green Valley Library in its entirety. Henderson had not proposed to take over the Green Valley Library, but in order to get the boundary change, it is being urged to include Green Valley in the negotiations.

Executive Director Walters noted that the property tax initiative dominates local government attention. Guy Hobbs will be carefully monitoring proposals throughout the legislative session and report back on proposed legislation.

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Library Legislative Day will be April 19th in Carson City, and depending on how things have progressed on the HDPL matter, it will be beneficial for the District to have as many Trustees as possible in attendance.

Regarding a request from Assemblyman Arberry to investigate a proposal for the West Las Vegas Library, it was determined that it would be cost prohibitive and code restrictions would not allow a new sign without a zoning variance. Felton Thomas will be checking into other alternatives.

Possible discussion and direction to staff regarding planning for future Board agenda topics, March-April, and possible discussion and direction to Board committees on future committee tasks. No action will be taken. (Item III.B.)

Executive Director Walters provided information regarding the procurement of a new automation system which is under way. He stated that the final information on the ILS vendors would not be available until next week. The initial proposal was to bring a recommendation to negotiate a contract before the Board at the March meeting. Initially, Ron Dubberly was scheduled to present the draft *Strategic Plan* summary at the February meeting, but the Draft *Plan* needed some further work, so Ron has been scheduled to appear at the March meeting.

The ILS issue is a bit complex. The three companies that are being considered do the lion's share of automation for most large public libraries. Based on the District's unique needs, the systems are not equal in performance or quality, but each has its own positive aspects making them equally attractive for consideration. The major difference comes down to technology vs. cost.

Walters noted that in order to accommodate and implement self-check stations, an architect would need to be hired to totally redesign existing configurations in the circulation areas of all the urban libraries. This matter will be discussed by Mr. Dubberly.

The Committee agreed to hear the ILS item at the April meeting instead of March in order to give the proposed *Strategic Plan* the Board's full attention.

Next on the agenda, Walters brought to the Executive Committee's attention concerns from Trustees Aguirre and Benavidez.

As liaison to the Art Museum, Trustee Aguirre has been asked if the District will allow signage to be erected on west Sahara. The museum would also like to have the Friends' bookstore converted to a fine arts library. Walters stated that there had been a designated area for the fine arts collection in the past and that it had not been used by library patrons. The room where it was housed was converted to hold the International Language Collection which is used quite heavily.

Trustee Aguirre also requested that the Library Foundation allow Suzanne Hackett-Morgan to be involved in helping to plan a fundraiser for the art museum. Another request included giving the museum space in the District's newsletter.

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Trustee Benavidez forwarded a vendor's request to allow a radio tower on District property. The District has an existing contract with AT&T that was signed approximately fifteen years ago. It has several 5-year renewable clauses. In order for all vendors to be treated equally, the Executive Director requested that all proposals be put in writing so that they could be brought before the Board for consideration.

Announcements (Item IV.)

None

Public Comment (Item V.)

None

Adjournment (Item VI.)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Sanchez, Committee Chair