



**MINUTES OF THE LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 13, 2010**

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**PRESENT:** Steve Wolf, Mary Nelson, Caroline Coryell

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Jeannie Dilger-Hill

**VISITORS:** None

**PRESENTERS:** None

Meeting opened by Chairman Steve Wolf at 7:02 p.m.

Under unfinished business the Metal-Master/Roof-master response to Mac Brady's roof survey was discussed. The problems concerning roof pitch and caulking are disputed by Metal Master, either because they disagree with Mac Brady's conclusions or the work was done by a sub-contractor. The committee decided to have them do the "no charge" repairs as soon as possible and work with them on the other items. We also feel Mac Brady should be present when the repairs are done. While not admitting fault and pointing out that some work was performed by sub-contractors; Metal Master has offered to fix several items, which Mac Brady had noted in their inspection, at no cost to the Library. Such things as; pipe curbs and membrane repairs, adjusting the height of overflow scuppers, missing and/or broken slate tiles, installing end caps and down spouts (initially called for but eliminated at BCA's request), counter flashing and sealing or re-sealing of Z-channels, can be corrected as soon as the Library lets them know we accept their offer. Other items such as; repairing holes in the membrane, inspecting (again) and removing debris from the roof surface will be done when we accept their cost proposal for this work. (A cost proposal has not yet been received from them, however.)

The "Cyberbars" were discussed next. Agati sent a proposal for several cyberbars to match the tables already in place in Adult and Youth Services areas. They also suggested at least one cyberbar for the Young Adult area. The committee likes the idea of providing these for our patrons and will look at the proposed areas during our walk-through tonight. These cyberbars consist of a counter of 18" deep which includes a power strip for patrons to use their own laptops or small computers. Seats or chair height stools would be provided for patron use.

The furniture in Youth Services has been replaced at no charge as the manufacturer has found that the fabric recommended did not stand up to even a few years of wear. They kept to the original color scheme but with sturdier fabric.

Under New Business we discussed putting wheels or rollers on the chairs used in the computer court. It was decided to have Ken Vesperman obtain a set of chair wheels and attach them to one of the chairs, as a test. Should this work out, the rest of the chairs can also be fitted with them.

A bench for the Colonnade was discussed. Mary Nelson asked that the donations made in

John Nelson's memory be used for such a bench and Caroline Coryell proposed a commemorative plaque be put on it. It was decided to look into the matter. We asked Jeannie Dilger-Hill to contact the Village first to see if they would give or sell us one of the benches they have removed from Downtown La Grange. If not, Jeannie has a catalog of possible benches and we found several that would work.

Jeannie then reminded us that one proposal in the Strategic Plan was to provide a Coffee Bar for the patrons. During our walk-through she showed us the area she thought would be a good place for it; on the Lower Level, outside the Dierkes room, in the Gallery.

We would provide some small round tables and chairs, and a coffee machine which makes one cup servings at a time and costs 50¢ to 75¢ each. The committee likes the idea and Jeannie will pursue it further.

We then took a walk around the outside of the building where Jeannie pointed out the problem with sinking tiles around the perimeter of the Colonnade. Steve suggested we have the tiles lifted and more fill placed underneath them, but said this could wait a year. One or two evergreen bushes have died or are turning brown and it was suggested to simply remove the one that is completely dead. Jeannie said she was disappointed in the pachysandra that had been recommended for the area on Cossitt where the electrical and other maintenance items are placed. It was decided to give the plants some more time to grow and if they still did not do well to replace them with sod.

We looked at our "leaning" posts, the "Do Not Enter" sign on the La Grange Road side and the "One Way" sign on the Cossitt side. Steve said they simply need more dirt around them and he will attempt to fix the "Do Not Enter" sign tomorrow, Wednesday, if possible.

We will check the signs again when the parking lot is re-sealed and re-striped this summer.

Inside we identified two areas in Youth Services and two in Adult Services where cyberbars could fit in nicely without disturbing existing tables and chairs. The Young Adult area does not seem to have any available space for a cyberbar, we may re-visit the idea at another time.

In the event that one or two lounge chairs from the second floor need to be moved, they might be used in the Lower Level for the Coffee Bar.

We again agreed the carpet in the elevator needs to be replaced; we will discuss it next time.

Mary moved to adjourn, seconded by Caroline.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Coryell