

December 3, 2009

Meeting: Library Task Force for Revitalization  
Thursday, December 3, 2009  
Grand Forks Library Meeting Room

Members in Attendance: Jim Hovey, Doug Carpenter, Ann Pederson, Brian Schill, Jeff Regimbal, Lana Rakow, Brian Osowski, Dorette Kerian, and Susan Mickelson

Also in Attendance: Wendy Wendt and Lila Christensen

1. Chair Jim Hovey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Formation of a Communication Committee** -- Brian Schill, Dorette Kerian, Lana Rakow, Lila Christensen and Susan Mickelson volunteered to work on a committee to develop a communications plan for delivering information to the various audiences in an effort to build advocacy for GFPL and its rejuvenation efforts. This committee will bring a draft communications plan for review at the next Task Force meeting. Susan and Wendy are scheduled to present the Needs Assessment findings to Grand Forks City Council at their meeting on December 7 and to the Grand Forks County Commission on December 15.
3. **Finance Committee** -- Brian Osowski provided basic information on Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (RZEDB) which are a form of Build America Bonds. These bonds are taxable, but the federal government subsidizes the interest rate by 45%. The RZED Bond is a potential option for possible library construction. Doug Carpenter, Brian Osowski and Jim Hovey volunteered to serve on a Committee to research this option further and provide an update at the next Task Force meeting. This group will also communicate with City Council and the consultants to determine if our timeline is flexible enough to work within the RZEDB requirements.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
5. Next Meeting of the Task Force for Library Revitalization – Thursday, December 17, at 7 p.m. in the Library meeting room.

Duly submitted,

Susan Mickelson  
Recording Secretary