BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

5:00 p.m.

William C. Wetzel Reading Room
205 E. Olive Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

I. Call to Order
President Koos called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Alex Cardona, Emily Kelahan, Van Miller, Susan O'Rourke, Robert Porter, Julian Westerhout, Carol Koos
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mike Raikes, Whitney Thomas
OTHERS PRESENT:	Ed Barry (Farnsworth Group), Georgia Bouda, Deb Halperin, Kathy Jeakins, Caprice Prochnow, Joe Ragusa (WJBC)

III. Introductions
President Koos introduced the guests present.

IV. Public Comment
There were no public comments.

V. New Business
A. Approve Contract with Farnsworth Group for Needs Assessment, Programming, Site Analysis and Conceptual Design
Director Bouda stated that Farnsworth Group had provided the detail that the Board had asked for and it was included in the packet.
Ed Barry entertained questions.

ROBERT PORTER MOVED, VAN MILLER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE LIBRARY NEEDS ASSESSMENT, PROGRAMMING, SITE ANALYSIS & CONCEPTUAL DESIGN CONTRACT WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP, NOT TO EXCEED $80,500.00.

AYES: ALEX CARDONA, EMILY KELAHAN, VAN MILLER, SUSAN O'ROURKE, ROBERT PORTER, JULIAN WESTERHOUT, CAROL KOOS

NAYES: NONE

ABSENT: MIKE RAIKES, WHITNEY THOMAS

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

See Attachment "V.A."

B. Development of the Bloomington Public Library Strategic Plan with Facilitator, Deb Halperin

Deb Halperin reviewed with the Trustees that they all should have received the draft of the five goals that she had put together from last week's meeting. She went on to say that she had met with staff yesterday and they gave her some fantastic feedback.

Deb stated that she wanted the Trustees' feedback on the five goals that were drafted. They can keep them, change them, toss them or add new ones. Deb shared that her thought was that the goals would then go back to the staff to flesh out further, then come back to the Trustees (timeline to be determined) to be approved.

Deb went through each of the goals with the Trustees starting with goal 5 as there was a lot to cover under this goal. There was much discussion and sharing of ideas.

The draft of goals:

Goal 1 – Meet the needs of diverse communities
Goal 2 – Focus on Regeneration area
Goal 3 – Make the community a better place, forge community partnerships, and be a hub for connections
Goal 4 – Be a resource for formal and informal education/self-improvement/lifelong learning
Goal 5 – Improve organizational health and create a culture of cooperation

Deb stated that she would type her notes and send them to the Trustees and Director Bouda.

There was some discussion as to whether further development of the Strategic Plan will be done at the Board level or Committee level. It was decided that the notes that Deb sends to the Board will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

VI. Adjournment

VAN MILLER MOVED, ALEX CARDONA SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Koos adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.