

Lincoln Exhibits Committee
Urbana Free Library, Conference Room
210 W. Green St., Urbana
Tuesday, July 24, 2007 - 4:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The meeting of the Lincoln Exhibits Committee was convened at 4:33 p.m. by Barbara Wysocki, Committee Chair.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Barbara Wysocki, Kay Grabow, Vern Zehr, John Hoffman, Ray Cunningham, Anke Voss

Committee Members Absent: Kent Tucker

Also present: Denny Inman, County Administrator of Facilities & Procurement, Cheryl Kennedy, Barb Garvey, Early American Museum

Invited Guests: Jason Cox, Art Director, Kara Vanskike, Marketing Director, Taylor Studios

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Vern Zehr, second by John Hoffman. Motion carried.

Approval of May 1, 2007 and June 5, 2007 Minutes

Motion by John Hoffman to approve minutes, second by Ray Cunningham. Motion carried.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Presentation from Taylor Studios Re: Lincoln Exhibit Space

Jason Cox distributed information about Taylor Studios and examples of their work with their clients. Jason and Kara had visited the Courthouse exhibit area prior to the meeting and offered suggestions of ways to pull the visitor into this space from developing an object theater to using relatively inexpensive digital audio repeaters and tape players. There are ways to make the exhibit seem high tech at a reasonable cost.

Barbara Wysocki shared that we were not limited to the glassed area alone, the depth or the height, but could extend out into the lobby area. Denny asked if the hallway and lobby space was a problem or a plus and Jason responded that he felt it was a plus and shared some additional ideas for the use of this space. A discussion about the need for a separation of space followed. Kay asked about changes to the exhibit. Would this require Taylor Studios involvement? Jason shared that changes could be made by clients - some quite easily and others with training. Taylor can also produce some teacher materials for clients if they wish.

The new Ford County museum details and costs were used as a comparison to try to help committee members envision the work and details for the Lincoln exhibit. Denny noted that he thought Taylor Studios was listed on the Capital Development Board list offering a pricing schedule for Illinois government. Question: Would Taylor Studios offer that same kind of pricing schedule for local government? This would free us up from the requirement to bid.

Teacher Planning Forum Update

Plans have been developed for the forum that includes a one-day bus trip on the east leg of the 8th Judicial Circuit with Guy Fraker as the guide for the day. The teachers would have lunch at Homer Lake and then visit the Fithian House in Danville, returning through Champaign back to Mahomet. The second day would be held in Urbana with speakers and first person interpretation. The American History Teacher Collaborative and the Illinois Humanities Council have both agreed that this is a fundable experience.

Other Business

Denny asked if the Committee would have a space for donor recognition and Cheryl stated the committee should do this.

Cheryl gave each committee member a copy of the VHS tape "Champaign County During the Civil War" developed as an all volunteer project in 1993. Members need to view the tape prior to the next meeting and we will use it as a basis for our discussion on the DVD to be produced by the end of the year.

Barbara Wysocki reported that she, Vern and Cheryl will be attending the Bicentennial Workshop on Planning Community Celebrations on August 2nd.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2007, 4:30 p.m. at Urbana Library Conference Room.

Adjournment

Motion by John Hoffman, second by Vern Zehr. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Cheryl Kennedy, Recording Secretary