

## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COMMITTEE AGENDA

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LINCOLN EXHIBITS COMMITTEE  
Urbana Free Library, Conference Room  
210 W. Green St., Urbana  
Tuesday, November 3, 2009 – 4:30 p.m.

**CHAIR:** Barbara Wysocki

**MEMBERS:** Raymond Cunningham, Kay Grabow, John Hoffmann,  
Kent Tucker, Anke Voss, Christopher White

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**Lincoln Exhibits Committee**  
**Urbana Free Library Conference Room**  
**210 W. Green St., Urbana**  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2009**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Lincoln Exhibits Committee was convened at 4:35 p.m. by Barbara Wysocki, committee Chair.

**Roll Call**

Committee members present: Barbara Wysocki, Kent Tucker, Anke Voss, Kay Grabow, and John Hoffmann. Also present: Cheryl Kennedy, Sarah Rex, Mary Ellen Wuellner, Heather Tucker, and Barb Garvey.

**Approval of the Agenda/Addendum**

Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Anke Voss. Motion carried

**Approval of the September 1, 2009 Minutes**

Motion by Kent Tucker, second by Anke Voss. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Old Business**

*Feedback from Comment Cards*

Heather Tucker gave a full review of evaluations to date. The majority of the jurors who completed pre-construction questionnaires found the overall concept of the exhibit very interesting and were most interested in Lincoln's time in Champaign County and Lincoln as a lawyer. Those completing the questionnaires at the Early American Museum indicated they were likely to visit both exhibits. Teachers from the first focus group were invited back to see how their input was used. They shared their opinions about specific elements of the exhibit and ways to help them prepare students for the visit as well as activities they felt would enhance the experience while in the courthouse. Comment cards were collected during the dedication ceremony. The response was positive – 97% learned something new; 100% felt their time was well spent; and 100% would recommend the exhibit to a friend.

Promotion for the exhibit has included newspaper advertising, editorial coverage, radio talk show and television interviews, newsletters, e-mail blasts, and mailed invitations to the dedication. Ongoing will include the community calendars, joint promotion with EAM, CCFPD newsletters and website, and brochures.

### *Computer Program Structure*

Sarah Rex presented a skeleton of the program she is developing for the courthouse computer. This computer will not have internet access so the program is being developed to model the interactive nature of the internet, i.e. pictures/photos with biographies that pop up, then and now photos, summaries of Lincoln's cases. The program will include courthouse, clock and bell tower history and current courthouse information and procedures. Take home cards will suggest internet resources visitors can access at home. Sarah asked committee members to contact her with any ideas they might have after the meeting. The question yet to resolve is how we see this program used and by how many people at the same time to determine the equipment we need to purchase.

### *iPod Development*

Anke Voss reported that a committee has been organized to develop an iPod program for Urbana. The group discussed Urbana sites and stories, possible avenues to present this information beyond the iPod, groups that might be interested in this type of program, and accessibility. The CVB invited an outside consultant, William Thomas, to this meeting who advised the committee that the first thing they need to decide is what they want and why and to identify some outcomes for the project. Mr. Thomas outlined ways he could assist the committee with the development of a strategic plan and proposed a cost for this service.

### **New Business**

#### *Meeting with County Schools Librarians*

Barb Wysocki reported that the Regional Office of Education expressed an interest in organizing schools to support the courthouse, specifically the clock and bell tower fund. They wanted to inspire the kids to make a contribution to the clock and bell tower fund for Make a Difference Day. Each school district will determine what they will do, but the idea is that the schools will raise \$500 and will be identified collectively on the donor wall. They determined that the best means of dissemination of this information would be through the librarians and scheduled a meeting with librarians at the courthouse for Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Steve Beckett presented the history of the courthouse and tower and participants had an opportunity to view.

#### *Draft of Report to IMLS*

Cheryl Kennedy shared a list of accomplishments and tasks still underway that will be part of the final report. She distributed a spreadsheet documenting proposed and actual expenditures. Mary Ellen talked about the components of the final report and asked Committee members to send her their thoughts about achievements, things they might do differently next time, and anecdotes that might be included.

Cheryl also reported that she had not approved the completion of the audiovisual program on the final sign-off sheet for Taylor Studios, stating that the committee would like Taylor Studios to suggest how to address the delay and what this change would cost. Three suggestions have been submitted. Kent Tucker moved that the committee authorize Taylor Studios to amend the audiovisual program with option 2 at a cost of \$738.00, second by Anke Voss. Motion carried.

*Membership/Leadership of Exhibit Committee – Discussion Only*

With the lateness of the hour, Barbara Wysocki asked everyone to read through the MOU between the county and the forest preserve to facilitate a discussion of challenges and concerns for both agencies at the next meeting. We need to address membership criteria and expectations. This committee is also being looked as the local vetting group for the Looking for Lincoln Coalition – the group that helps the county address Lincoln-related issues.

The meeting was adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 3, 2009.

**Lincoln Exhibits Work Plan**  
**2009-2010**

**2009**

- \* Finish EAM Exhibit – special opening for Lincoln Exhibit Committee, County Board, CCFDP, and Foundation, funders, and friends
- \* Received comments from Committee on EAM Exhibit for grant reports
- \*File final reports for both Exhibits

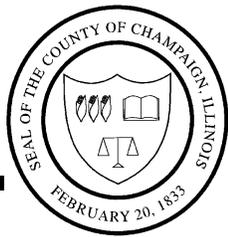
**2010**

- \*iPod Development in conjunction with the CVB
- \* Public opening of EAM Exhibit (March, 2010)
- \*Continued work on Lincoln webpage & materials
- \* Continued evaluation/outcome measurements for both exhibits
- \* Experiment with student classes at both exhibit sites
- \* Seek out volunteers for both Lincoln exhibits
- \*Develop Law Day (May 1st) & Constitution Day (Sept. 17th) activities, programs, etc.

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**Lincoln Exhibits Committee**  
**Work Plan**

- \*Define civic engagement focus and purpose for future activities
- \* Identify Lincoln anniversaries and themes
- \* Outline cycle of changes for artifact case in courthouse exhibit
- \* Expand on courthouse foyer ideas and changes.
- \*Determine funding needs – short term, long term, and annual
- \*Continue working with LFL as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit community collaboration
- \*Timing for changes to audiovisual program and development of a new exhibit



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY  
COMMITTEE ADDENDUM**

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- VI. Old Business**  
e. Revisit Lincoln Exhibit Video