

## Lincoln Legacy Committee

Urbana Free Library, Conference Room  
210 West Green Street, Urbana  
Tuesday, September 27, 2011

### Call to Order

Wysocki called the meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee to order at 5:04 p.m.

### Roll Call

Committee members present: Barbara Wysocki, Kent Tucker, Kay Grabow, Heather Tucker and Anke Voss. Other present: Ralph Langenheim

### Approval of the Agenda/Addendum

K. Tucker moved and Voss seconded to approve the August 30, 2011 meeting minutes with the change of the September meeting date to September 27, 2011. Motion carried as amended.

### Approval of the August 30, 2011 minutes

H. Tucker moved and K. Tucker seconded to approve the minutes with the typo regarding Cheryl Kennedy. Motion carried as amended.

### Public Participation

Langenheim said a proposed cell phone tower at the Urbana High School was too close to the Lincoln statue in Carle Park. He said the statue is of enough importance so as not to be impacted. Wysocki said it was up to the LLC members to decide if the issue should be placed on the next agenda. Voss asked where the cell tower would be built. Langenheim said by the track where the soccer field was. He gave a history of the tower proposal.

### Old Business

a. Museum at the Crossroads

Wysocki said Grabow reminded us that the consortium of museums in Champaign County had an open house last year, and this year the consortium met to discuss and promote programs. Wysocki said it was a chance to meet parents and teachers. Wysocki said she attended the meeting to promote LLC projects. Grabow said attendance was down this year due to lack of notice.

#### b. Looking For Lincoln

Wysocki said last Tuesday (September 20) the LFL held a quarterly meeting in Springfield. The LFL is still developing its work plan. Wysocki said the LFL started nearly a year ago to work on the plan and was nearing the end of the process. Grabow asked if this was the same plan with the four alternatives. Wysocki said it was, and the member communities could decide to concentrate on Lincoln only or use Lincoln to enhance each community's local history or blend these alternatives. She said all jurisdictions are hurting for resources. She said the plan process started 12 years ago with the state corridors program. Wysocki said the plan could be rolled out next year. She said ultimately the National Park Service would have to approve the plan since the NPS was providing funding. Wysocki said one approach to planning would be to invite Urbana - Champaign families with long histories in the county. She said we needed to draw up a list of such families. H. Tucker said the **News - Gazette** developed a list for the 150th anniversary of the **News - Gazette**. K. Tucker said the State had a Centennial Business Program which may have a list. Wysocki said we may hear more from the LFL in three or four months.

#### c. Podcast

Voss said that Rebecca Bird was organizing a podcast event for October 15. K. Tucker said there was a U. of I. football game that day. Wysocki said we needed to avoid a time conflict. Voss said she would check on the timing of the event. Wysocki said we need to contact Tom Kacich, **News - Gazette**, for publicity. Voss said there could be refreshments first at the UFL cafe, and then the participants could go on the walk.

#### d. Student Visits To The Courthouse

Wysocki said that there have been 100 Champaign third and fourth graders coming through the courthouse. She said Gifford schools would be coming

soon and othe schools later. She said the DAR was glad to bring back the flag exhibit. She said the DAR was going to buy flags to avoid waiting for the traveling flag exhibit.

#### e. Civic Engagement Grants

H. Tucker said she found three foundations so far out of 10 she researched for grants. She said they were W. K. Kellogg, Carnegie and Bradley foundations. Grabow asked where citizenship ceremonies were held because the ceremonies at the courthouse would be opportunities to view the exhibit. H. Tucker said she would do more research.

#### f. Evaluation Forms.

H. Tucker said that there were not enough in the sample to do a scientific analysis. She said the Sheriff had lengthy comments about staff load per number of exhibits. She said the Sheriff also commented that the courthouse was not designed to be a civic center, but that young people need to know. There was a discussion about students and presentatins.

### 7. New Business

#### a. DVD

Wysocki said that Cheryl Kennedy has indicated that the Museum of the Grand Prairie has many copies of the Lincoln in Champaign County DVD and needs to distribute them. Grabow said that they could be distributed to schools or to people who come to use the podcast. Voss said that the UFL could handout or sell the DVD when people come for the podcast.

#### b. Possible New Temporary Exhibit

Wysocki said Brian Adams, author, has approached the Museum of the Grand Prairie for an exhibit on Joseph Royer at the M. of the G.P. in 2012 or 2013. She said he is looking for organizations to support the exhibit with money. K. Tucker said he should approach the LLC to protect us. Voss said he should seek and apply for grants so we don't appear to apply for grants for others. Grabow said that we could have a teaser exhibit at the courthouse and a main exhibit somewhere else. Voss said it could be a traveling exhibit to Royer buildings in the area. Wysocki said she would talk to Adams.

K. Tucker moved and Grabow seconded to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Kent Tucker  
Secretary