

LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Conference Room

210 West Green Street, Urbana, Il

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

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, Ray Cunningham, Kay Grabow, Heather Tucker, Ruth Wene and Diane Michaels. Others present: Cheryl Kennedy and Sarah Watson.

Approval of the Agenda/ Addendum

Cunningham moved and Tucker seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of the January 31, 2012 minutes

Cunningham moved and Tucker seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

a. General updates

Wysocki introduced new County Board Liaison Diane Michaels.

b. Management Plan re: Looking for Lincoln

Wysocki asked Cheryl Kennedy, Museum of the Grand Prairie, and Sarah Watson, Looking for Lincoln, to discuss the plan. Kennedy distributed pages from the plan to the members. Watson said the enabling legislation for LFL required a management plan. She said the plan needs to be approved by the National park Service and the Secretary of the Interior after the public review process. She read the plan mission statement.

She said the plan can be used to leverage funds for Champaign County community activities related to Lincoln. Watson said that the pages Kennedy distributed relate to activities in local communities. She said that some activities in the area can serve as magnets for other attractions in the area. She said that the plan could help emphasize some Lincoln activities that might be overshadowed by non-Lincoln attractions in the area.

Watson said that the plan was meant not only to be about Lincoln, but also the environment and culture that existed in Lincoln's time.

Kennedy said it was a challenge to get smaller communities involved especially since they do not have the resources that larger communities do.

Watson said that partnership and relationships are as necessary as fundraising and resource development. She noted that parts of the plan involved relationships and working groups in Champaign County. Tucker asked about the timeline for establishing working groups. Watson said there was no specific timeline, and working groups can be established as soon as the local area is ready. Kennedy said the LLC should decide if it was going to be the local working group. She said if not, LLC should help to establish a working group which focuses on Lincoln and other activities. Kennedy said an established working group would be ready to act when the plan is approved.

Watson said there may be an advantage for being a gateway or cornerstone community. Wysocki said that the plan focusses on Lincoln, and a non – Lincoln focus could be on Judge Cunningham who has his own story beyond Cunningham's connection to Lincoln. She said the Broyer story could also be developed. She said all communities should be researched for connections to Lincoln and included in the Lincoln story if warranted. She said Guy Fraker was good at getting people involved in Lincoln activities.

She said the plan and working groups will get more discussion.

c. Traveling Exhibit re: The Eighth Judicial District

Wysocki said the Lincoln exhibit could go in the foyer of the court house. She said there would have to be a rider on the county insurance policy for the exhibit items. There was a discussion about scheduling. Cunningham moved and Tucker seconded to approve having the exhibit and to allow the chairman or designee to complete arrangements as necessary. Motion approved.

d. Progress on template for grant applications

The committee deferred discussion until the next meeting.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

Next meeting

Wysocki said the next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2012

Adjournment

Cunningham moved and Tucker seconded to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Kent Tucker

Secretary