

LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Conference Room

210 West Green Street, Urbana, IL

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Call to Order

Wysocki called the meeting of the Lincoln Legacy Committee to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda/ Addendum

K. Tucker moved and H. Tucker seconded to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Approval of the September 24, 2013 minutes.

H. Tucker moved and Voss seconded to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Old Business

a. General updates

Langenheim said he is resigning from the LLC. Wysocki accepted his resignation with regret, and the committee members thanked him for his service. Wysocki said the LLC would be needing a new county board liaison.

b. White Paper

Wysocki said H. Tucker did a good job of writing the overview of the IMU, the Museum of the Grand Prairie, and the LLC. H. Tucker said she wrote with the LLC being the audience. She said she wrote about the background and history, the issues and the need to go forward. Voss said the original memorandum of understanding between the county and Forest Preserve was based on a different role for the LLC. She thought we were to be an advisory committee and that we didn't call the shots until the point of the creation of the Lincoln exhibit at which point our role changed. She said we may need a new mission.

Grabow asked if the grantor agency commonly review project accomplishments. K. Tucker said it depended on the rules of the granting agency. Voss said in social science and humanities grants, grantees can make changes in grant purposes. She said our original grant made a lot of non-funded promises. Wysocki said the IMLS may have thought the grant was a springboard to other things. She said we ended up with grant management duties and applying for grants from other funding organizations. Voss said the MOU stated that the LLC's original role was helping to design the exhibit.

H. Tucker said the LLC needs to alter our activities or change our mission. K. Tucker said the MGP started and finished the exhibit and left us with other things to do.

Voss said there should be a plan for the MGP to have a presence in the county and serve other parts of the county. She said the LLC cannot rely on the original mission statement because the LLC was originally an advisory committee for the courthouse exhibit and the MOGP exhibit. She said all entities of relevance in the county should be on a future committee to a team project approach and not develop each project in a piecemeal manner. There was a discussion of historical organizations in the county and in McLean County. The members agreed that the Champaign County Historical Society should be approached. There was a discussion of the Cattle Bank funding sources.

Voss said that the Urbana Free Library and the News – Gazette were jointly publishing a book on Champaign County.

Voss said that the LLC needs a new charge. H. Tucker said that the LLC needs to go to the county board and indicate we have a new charge or ask for one. K. Tucker said we should go to the board with a new charge, or the board will think we have nothing to do and take our money.

Voss said this was a great opportunity for all entities to collaborate.

Wysocki said that Steve Beckett should look at the white paper since he had a role in suggesting a Lincoln exhibit originally.

The LLC agreed to have a December 10th meeting with Steve Beckett present.

New Business

None.

Next meeting

Wysocki said the next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2013.

Adjournment

K. Tucker moved and Voss seconded to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Kent Tucker

Secretary