

LINCOLN LEGACY COMMITTEE

Urbana Free Library, Conference Room

210 West Green Street, Urbana, IL

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

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, Anke Voss, Ray Cunningham, Heather Tucker, and Kent Tucker

Approval of the Agenda/ Addendum

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

Approval of the December 10, 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

H. Tucker asked if there were any student groups scheduled to see the courthouse exhibit. Wysocki said that there were two schools scheduled for three days each beginning in mid – April.

b. White Paper

H. Tucker said she had received no comments from the solicited parties on the white paper. Voss suggested and H. Tucker agreed to send it again.

New Business

a. Looking for Lincoln Updates and b. Continuation of Future Sustainability

Wysocki said she intended to have Steve Beckett at this meeting, but he is in Phoenix, Arizona. She said she arranged to get his comments on the white paper and future sustainability of the exhibit. She said that Beckett thought the white paper was well done, but had no alternative suggestions to offer for the future of the exhibit and the LLC. Wysocki said that Beckett did suggest that the LLC keep the public engaged in the activities of the LLC sustainability.

Wysocki said Beckett said to engage the schools in activities related to Lincoln's interest in the arts and sports. Voss suggested that was a job for the Museum of the Grand Prairie. Wysocki said she told Beckett that the LLC was not in a position to extend the committee's activities to other areas.

K. Tucker said that the MOGP wanted to use part of Tucker's collection for an exhibit in 2015. He said he could talk to Barbara Garvey over the summer.

Wysocki said she would like to have the Looking for Lincoln representatives at a public discussion before our special meeting on April 8th. The committee thought that was a good idea. Wysocki said the public may have suggestions for the LLC's future direction. There was a discussion on funding and direction.

Voss said we need a responsible entity to help the LLC. She said we need the MOGP to be involved. She said any missed opportunities for improvement were not because of what the LLC is not doing. Voss said she would not be against the Urbana Free Library being involved in the exhibit, but she the UFL would only do it on the UFL's terms with the help of the LLC and the approval of the UFL Board. Voss said that the UFL archives could be used to create lessons around the exhibit including life in the Nineteenth Century. She said the MOGP could consult with the UFL, but the UFL would retain future control. She said she could seek UFL approval. The committee agreed.

Voss said she would talk to Barb Garvey of the MOGP about the potential arrangement.

Wysocki said that the LFL representatives were coming on April 8th. K. Tucker suggested we discuss what we want from the LFL. Wysocki said step one would be to send the white paper to LFL's Heather Wickens. H. Tucker said we want the LFL to tell us about best practices around the State and about practices that were not working.

Wysocki said that step 2 would be to discuss the results of the meeting with the LFL and go from there. There was a discussion of the steps including curricula in development by the UFL. Voss said a partnership beyond the City of Urbana would be good for the exhibit. There was a discussion of countywide approaches to history and historic preservation.

Next meeting

Wysocki said the next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2014.

Adjournment

Cunningham moved and K. Tucker seconded to adjourn. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Kent Tucker

Secretary