



**MINUTES OF THE LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BUILDING and GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 26, 2009**

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**PRESENT:** Steve Wolf, Caroline Coryell  
**ABSENT:** Mary Nelson  
**STAFF:** Jeannie Dilger-Hill  
**VISITORS:**  
**PRESENTERS:** None

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Steve Wolf.

As there were "no public" comments or unfinished business Steve moved directly to the first item on the New Business agenda, the fence we had installed between the Library property and Jeanne Hayden's home.

Mrs. Hayden had informed us, by letter, of her dissatisfaction with the fence, especially the fact that, on her side of the structure, wood lattice work covered the entire fence. She pointed out that her fencing was not like the fencing between the Library property and the Lynch's property, which, as the photos she had enclosed with her letter showed, is a more finished and substantial structure.

Caroline Coryell pointed out that the Board was unaware of the differences between the two fences, and had assumed they were the same for both properties.

Steve concurred and agreed that Mrs. Hayden had made a good case for re-placing or re-building her fence. Mrs. Hayden had also noted that the last section, at the east end of the driveway, was of a height that made it difficult for a driver to see if anyone was coming out of the Library drive or walking south on the sidewalk.

The Committee feels that Mrs. Hayden, who is trying to sell her house, should not only have the fence re-modeled but the east end panel should be removed to make the sight lines safer.

It was suggested that Ken Vesperman check with some contractors on the costs of re-modeling the fence and also replacing some areas in the Lynch's fence as well. We will proceed when he has gotten quotes.

Next, the problems with some of the landscaping were discussed.

A bush on the east side of the building (one of a pair) is dead and needs to be replaced. Also the ground cover put in on the Cossitt side is not doing well; it looks like it is dying too. Steve suggested that Ken should contact Hinsdale Landscaping to look things over, (they originally put these in). Jeannie Dilger-Hill said perhaps a different type of ground cover is needed and we should consult then to see if some other, better, type could be planted instead.

It was decided to have Ken consult with Hinsdale Landscaping to replace the dead bush and ground cover and, perhaps, get some ideas for new or better landscaping.

The group then went upstairs to look at the problems with the carpet. As the carpet is less than two years old, and was cleaned a short time ago, we felt there should not be any problems with carpeting this soon.

Caroline and Steve told Jeannie that we had not wanted carpet on the stairs when we were working on the interior ideas for the new building. We would have preferred rubber or some other long-lasting, easy to clean material. However, BCA specified carpet.

The carpet in front of the Patron Services desk is discolored and looks shabby, as does the carpet on the stairs to the second floor. That carpet looks worn and discolored on the edges of the steps. Further, there is a large light circle on the lobby carpet, of unknown origins.

Steve said we had been told the carpet, which is a commercial grade, would last at least 10 to 15 years; but we do not know if there is any written warranty concerning how long it is actually expected to last. Jeannie will see if written information on any warrantee is available in the Library files.

We decided we should consult someone who is an expert in the flooring area and Caroline suggested she talk to De Sitters about the carpet and ask them for suggestions. We need to know what our options (other than tearing it all up) are. The carpet in the elevator was also discussed. Caroline said that carpet is rarely used in elevators because of the heavy use it gets and that we were surprised to find that the elevator had been carpeted in the first place. It is fraying where the carpet meets the metal carpet bar and extremely discolored where patrons normally stand to use the controls. As it is a small area it was thought that the carpet could be replaced with vinyl or something similar, at a fairly low cost.

Though we have some carpet leftover for the lobby area and steps, there is not enough to replace all of it. Jeannie suggested perhaps carpet squares, in a similar color, could replace part of the lobby carpet. We need to know what our options and costs would be to do that. Jeannie will also check with some other libraries on their flooring.

It was decided to wait and see what suggestions De Sitter's might make. Jeannie said Western Springs had carpet installed a few years ago when they remodeled.

Jeannie then explained that she had asked for information on a Building Maintenance Plan because it is a condition of the next per-capita grant.

She said the only library she knows which has one is Westmont, and she is waiting for a call back from their Director to discuss it with her.

We do have yearly contracts which have to be gone over and renewed, but so far there is no plan to put money aside each year, which is ear-marked for something such as carpet replacement She will continue to look into this for us.

Not on the agenda but also discussed was new signage from Poblocki to place over the stair entrances so people know where they lead. Jeannie is waiting for a completed quote from

Poblocki.

It was moved, and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Coryell