

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
COOK MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

APRIL 26, 2001

**Discussion of Real Estate Matters:** Mr. Hansmann called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Those present in addition to Mr. Hansmann were Cindy Killian, Linda Lucke, Mike Kollman, Greg Mayworm and Steve Risley. Also present were Fred Byergo, Library Director, and architect consultants Charles Engberg and Joc Huberty. Also present were John Keister and Kathy Dorn, trustees-elect. Joe Bean was absent.

*CSK* Mr. Kollman stated that the architects had been instructed to look at possibilities for the bank property location (~~NW~~ <sup>NE</sup> corner of Cook and Brainerd) and the visual impact of a large library on the current site. ~~NE~~

For the benefit of those new to the discussion, Mr. Engberg gave a brief background of his firm, and Mr. Huberty reviewed their work to date. He handed out a packet of drawings and renderings showing their latest work for the bank site and the visual impact on the current site. The renderings were discussed in length.

Ms. Killian stated that her understanding of the use of the land north of Cook Street was to come up with a plan not just for the bank building but also for the parking lot, Village Hall, and the bank. She asked for clarification from those present at the meeting with the Village. Mr. Kollman agreed that the Board wanted to see a plan which incorporated more of the Village property, and he emphasized the apparent willingness of the Village to cooperate with the Library. Mr. Engberg and Mr. Huberty stated that being able to incorporate the additional land possibilities would give them good flexibility in coming up with a better plan.

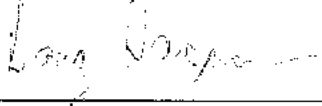
Mr. Hansmann stated that he was sensing enthusiasm from the Board for the possibilities of the location north of Cook Street. Mr. Keister stated that he was concerned that the Board was going too far with this plan. Ms. Killian replied that a plan for something north of Cook Street would be one of several options. The Board would still need to determine which options the public would support. Mr. Hansmann said that the plan for a library north of Cook Street might be more acceptable if it included plans for a branch in Vernon Hills. Mr. Risley expressed his concern about the need for an operating fund referendum if a branch were included. Ms. Killian asked if a meeting had been arranged yet with Mayor Byrne. Mr. Keister replied that he and Mr. Risley were both trying to arrange a meeting. Mr. Hansmann reminded the Board that Vernon Hills had previously made comments about the possibility of donating a site and/or constructing a building.

Mr. Kollman suggested that Engberg Anderson look at the possibilities for the entire area north of Cook Street. He gave them the latest numbers from Anders Dahlgren's report. It was suggested that they evaluate the property in terms of constructing either a single facility or the main part of a main/branch scenario, that they try to use the grade of the land effectively, and that the idea of a pedestrian mall be explored.

Mr. Kollman moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:10 p.m. Mr. Risley seconded the motion which carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Cynthia S. Killian, Secretary

  
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Doug Hansmann, President