

**Rangeview Library District
Board Meeting
July 20, 2011**

1. **Call to Order:** A meeting of the Rangeview Library District Trustees was called to order at 5:05 pm. at Anythink Wright Farms Library, 5877 E 120th Ave., Thornton, Colorado. A quorum was recognized.

Trustees Attending: Kay Riddle, Dorothy Lindsey, Ray Coffey.

Apologies: Linda Wisniewski, Mizraim Cordero.

Library Staff Attending: Pam Sandlian Smith, Director; Dolores Sandoval, Administrative Assistant/Recorder; Mindy Kittay, Finance Director; Ronnie Storey, Public Services Director; Lynda Freas, Family Services Director; Susan Dobbs, HR Director; Stacie Ledden, Communications Manager; Mahala Evans, Development Officer; Ken Devine, Writer/Editor; Matt Hamilton, IT Manager; Rebecca Martin, RLD Accountant; Logan MacDonald, Collection Development; Dara Schmidt, Brighton Library; Chandra Jones, Wright Farms Library; Sandra Sebbas, Huron Street Library; Deborah Hogue, Commerce City Library; Annette Martinez, Perl Mack Library.

Guests: Kim Seter, Legal Counsel; Jacqueline Murphy, Legal Counsel; Lynne Fox, Thornton Councilmember; Lonnie Hirth, library volunteer.

2. **Additions or Changes to Agenda:** None.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Consent Agenda Items:** Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2011 Regular Board Meeting was made by Ray Coffey and seconded by Dorothy Lindsey. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion of June 29, 2011 Board of County Commissioner's Work Session with Adams County Retirement Plan Board:** Pam Smith, Ray Coffey, Kim Seter and Jacqueline Murphy attended the BOCC work session with the Adams County Retirement Board on June 29. *About a year ago RLD's Finance Director alerted us to the financial concerns about the solvency of the ADCO pension plan. We began work with an actuary to gather information to help us make the best decision for RLD employees.* Kim handed out a memo to clarify what was said at the meeting. He noted that the retirement board is trying to fix the plan and they do have the best interests of the employees. Due to some bad decisions made in 2002, and the 2008 recession, fund assets declined. In addition retirements increased, requiring more payments, new hires and salaries were decreased, causing reduced contributions. Although the fund earned 9.5 percent in 2010, it still suffers from losses in 2002 and 2008. They stated that if the fund ended today they

would be able to pay off .70 cents on the dollar, and the library and county would be responsible for the rest. Kim reviewed 5 ways to cover the gap between projected contributions and projected benefit payments. He noted the retirement board's presentation to the BOCC was to see if they would object, and they did not. He also noted they (BOCC) didn't encourage them but they would not stand in the way of the retirement board trying to protect the county employees. Kim reviewed the questions and comments on the document. Ray Coffey said he came away from this meeting feeling a lot better, with the folks from Mercer explaining the data. He said there is no reason for panic; he feels it is not a good idea for us to leave the plan. He also feels the board has our best interest at heart. Legal counsel advises not to take action at this time. After discussion the Library Board were all in agreement to follow legal counsel's advice.

6. **Director's Report – Pam Sandlian Smith:** At the end of June we have circulated over one million items district wide. Pam extended a thank you to all staff noting we have more than tripled our output over the last three years. Also congratulations to Wright Farms for circulating over one million their first year. We are working on an IMLS grant for a learning lab project modeled after the YouMedia project at the Chicago Public Library. The goal is to create a network of 30 libraries and museums throughout the country to work on building a 21st century science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills for middle and high school students. The grant is due August 15, with the project to start January 2012. A resolution authorizing the conveyance of an easement to BURA for a digital sign and a draft copy of the easement was handed out. The library would share use of the sign to promote library events.

Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and conveyance of an easement for signage at Anythink Brighton was made by Ray Coffey and seconded by Dorothy Lindsey. Motion passed unanimously.

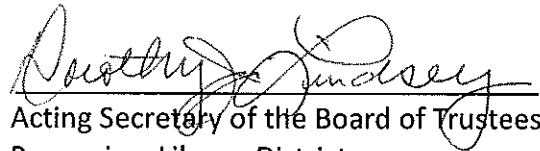
7. **Development Officer's Report – Mahala Evans:** Mahala's main focus so far has been on Sparkopolis. She reports \$12,000 in sponsorships so far. She is still waiting to hear back from potential sponsors.
8. **Family Service Director's Report – Lynda Freas:** Lynda and Mahala just returned from a Nature Explore Symposium in Omaha with lots of information to help with funding and implementing RLD's gardens.
9. **Public Service Director's Report – Ronnie Storey:** This is a summer of evaluating starting with examining the barriers of self-check and also looking at evaluating roving, wrangling, and readers' advisory. Deborah Hogue shared yellow squash with the Board, harvested from a staff plot she shares with Narita and Heather at Commerce City's community garden. Ronnie noted, when she stopped by the Commerce City library today at 2:00 pm there were only 3 parking spots available.
10. **Communication's Manager Report – Stacie Ledden:** Stacie has been focusing on media partnerships/sponsorships for this year's Sparkopolis. Gateway news will do a special

publication the first week in September giving an overview of the Anythink story; the journey, how we became Anythink, focusing on the recognition and awards won, nature explore gardens and then Sparkopolis. Stacie finalized a sponsorship agreement today with the Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel. Westword is partnering with us by; running display ads, exclusive email blasts to their 28,000 followers, inclusion 4 times in their regular eblasts to people looking for something to do, passing out flyers at three of their events, they will arrange a shuttle from downtown to Sparkopolis. Anythink Bennett library's collaborative public art project kicked off July 11, with a community meeting with textile artist Deidre Adams. Deidre will be interviewing participants while Ken, RLD's writer is recording the oral history audio for the project. They have met with about twenty people who have talked about life on the plains. Expecting to be completed by end of October.

11. **Legal Counsel Report – Kim Setter**: Legal Counsel's report was submitted in the packet, with no additions.
12. **For the Good of the Order**: The Board thanked staff for all their hard work. Ray reminded everyone Sparkopolis tickets are available.
13. **Adjournment**: There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion made by Trustee Lindsey the meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dolores Sandoval
Administrative Assistant/Recorder


Acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Rangeview Library District