

Holdrege Area Public Library

Library Planning Committee Meeting October 21, 2025

The meeting of the Holdrege Area Public Library Planning Committee was called to order at 4:06 in the community meeting room in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meetings Act, posted on the north wall of the room. Committee members Cassie Ehrenberg, Julie Johnson, Lori Larson, Annette Sindt, Cindy Woollen, and Sue Christensen were present, as was Library Director Sierra Burrows. Members Rosanna Meyer, Anna Sertich, Maureen Epping, and Bill Yochum did not attend.

Public Forum: There were no members of the public present.

Business: Matt Kreutzer and Creighton Maurer from CMBA Architects led the committee in a brief review of the interior floor plan, a more detailed review of options for the exterior design, and provided information on the two possible project delivery methods we will choose from: Design-Bid-Build, or CMatR, Construction Manager at Risk. They suggested we consult with the city administrator to see if there are any restrictions to that choice. Interior updates had not been made because the data file Sierra had sent to CMBA was corrupted and CMBA was unable to review the information. The exterior design that Sierra used for the literature piece remained the choice of the committee members present. Both interior and exterior designs presented during this exploration stage are meant to be a representation only of what "could be," and do not limit modifications that could be desired at a later time. Today will be our last face-to-face meeting scheduled with CMBA until we are ready to begin public discussion of a capital campaign. Until then, they will remain available to collaborate by phone and/or google meet with us and/or with Strawhecker. After answering questions, Matt and Creighton departed at 4:50.

In other business, Sierra reported that 45 initial literature packets have been delivered to members of the community identified during the initial interviews conducted by Strawhecker. For next step, Lori requested help from board members to make follow-up phone contacts with those community members to schedule interviews with Scott Larson from Strawhecker. She will send information to board members via email. These contacts and scheduling should be completed as soon as possible, as we are behind on Strawhecker's proposed timeline schedule for our project. It is hoped that all interviews can be completed before Thanksgiving. Sierra also presented a list of the possible grants the library may be eligible for. There was some confusion about when/if Strawhecker will assume the responsibility of grant writing on our behalf. It may be necessary for us to complete some of the grant applications that have upcoming deadlines. This question will be raised during next Tuesday's morning's meeting.

Cassie Ehrenberg left the meeting at 4:45 pm. Lacking an eligible quorum, the vote on Ryan Ehrenberg's proposal to design our new library logo could not be acted upon.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Christensen, secretary