BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lowell Berg, Donna Marvin, Herb Schimek, Herb Friedman, Carol Speicher. Absent - Martha Florence, Kathy McKillip. A quorum was present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Leach, Library Director; Julee Hector, Assistant Library Director; Barbara Hansen, Administrative Aide; Paul Jones, Business Office Accountant; Brenda Ealey, Gere Branch Manager; Sheila Jacobs, Eiseley Branch Manager; Julie Beno, Bennett Martin Public Library Public Service Manager; Peter Jorgensen, Virtual Services Manager; Maggie Cramer, Intern; Gail McNair, Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries; Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Schimek. It was announced the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska was posted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Meeting Notice/Agenda was posted according to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska. Friedman moved the agenda be approved as posted. Second by Berg. Roll Call Vote: Berg, Friedman, Marvin, Schimek, Speicher – aye; Florence, McKillip – absent. Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL JUNE 10, 2014, MEETING MINUTES: Marvin moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014, Library Board meeting as published. Second by Friedman. Roll Call Vote: Friedman, Marvin, Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Friedman – aye; Florence, McKillip – absent. Motion carried 5-0.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on Administration – No report.

Committee on Buildings & Grounds – No report.

Committee on Finance –
Monthly Recap Report - Marvin reported on the recap of expenditures for May 2014 listing claims in the amount of $998,837.77. Marvin moved approval of the report and payment of all claims. Second by Berg. Roll Call Vote: Marvin, Speicher, Berg, Friedman, Schimek – aye; Florence, McKillip – absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Adoption of Budget Proposals - Leach reported that no additions or changes have been made to the budget proposals as distributed and discussed at the June 10, 2014, budget hearing. Berg moved to approve the budget proposals as submitted for Library Operations, Heritage Room, and Polley Music Library. Second by Friedman. Roll Call Vote: Marvin, Schimek, Speicher, Berg, Friedman – aye; McKillip, Florence – absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Nominating Committee – Leach reported she will be working with the committee (McKilip, Friedman) to prepare a slate of officers for fiscal year 2014-15 for action at the July 15 Library Board meeting.
SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Main Library – The committee has not met but Friedman reported on the meeting he, Schimek and Berg had with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Wendy Birdsall and Bruce Bohrer. It was a very positive meeting. The Chamber indicated neutrality towards the main library project. The Chamber sees block 63 potentially as a multi-use site, encouraging partnerships. Berg reported on his meeting with Jim Abel. This was also a good meeting. Abel has visited the new San Diego library and is very interested in the multi-use approach San Diego took. Also sees partnerships with nonprofit organizations as positive. Many in town are interested in revitalizing the area around block 63.

Foundation Liaison & Executive Director Report - McNair reported an additional $10,000 has been received for Leading to Reading spaces. The library will use this funding to purchase additional literacy computers. Give to Lincoln Day resulted in the Foundation receiving just over $5,000. The Awareness and Engagement Campaign continues to be developed. Many well-known community members have agreed to participate in the campaign. McNair reported that there has been an update in the Foundation bylaws. In order to keep its IRS 501 (c) (3) category 1 classification, the bylaws were updated to require Library Board approval of Foundation Board appointments.

Lincoln Cares – No report.

One Book – One Lincoln – Marvin reported the three finalists were announced at The Mill event on Monday, May 26. Voting will close on Friday, July 25. The winning title will be announced on Tuesday, September 2.

Technology – No report

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Schimek reported that the City Council has agreed to appoint McKillip to a full seven year term. Library staff will work with the City Council to place the approval on the Council agenda.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Leach introduced Maggie Cramer, an intern at Gere Branch Library. Maggie is getting her library certificate through Central Community College in Columbus. Leach also reported that Dorene Oelke, Account Clerk in Administration, retired. The position is being filled, with applications being accepted through June 20.

Leach reported that one of her goals for the year was to be more involved in the Nebraska Library Association (NLA). As part of that increased involvement Leach has nominated Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission, for the Meritorious Service Award to be presented at the association’s annual meeting this fall. Leach is also on the NLA Nomination Committee. Assistant Library Director Julee Hector has been nominated for an NLA office.

Leach reported that she will be attending the “NEXT Library” conference in Chicago this month. The NEXT Library Conference is an international gathering of forward-thinking library professionals, innovators and decision-makers who are pushing boundaries and making changes that support learning in the 21st century.
Lincoln City Libraries is working with Lincoln Public Schools regarding a potential project to make the most of e-rate funds. E-rate is undergoing changes and may now make funds available for technology infrastructure. Library staff is meeting with school staff to investigate combining and expanding our infrastructure so that we can all be in a fiber network. The State Department of Education is also involved.

Leach reported that she made three media interactions regarding One Book – One Lincoln, and one interview regarding the Free Little Libraries project. Leach also continues to visit with community members regarding the main library project.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Hector reported that she continues to work HVAC systems to assure that all locations stay cool and comfortable. She will be attending the American Library Association conference in Las Vegas this month and is looking forward to touring their libraries.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.