

MINUTES

THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

October 1, 1993 Meeting

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission met on October 1, 1993, at the Amarillo Public Library, Amarillo, Texas.

Members Present: Carolyn Palmer Armstrong, Chairman
James B. Stewart
Barbara Silberberg
Harriette Williford Whatley

Members Absent: Jimmy Banks
Byron LeFlore

Library Staff Present: Catherine Lee
Bill Gooch

Guests Present: Librarians, trustees, and lay persons associated with the Texas Panhandle Library System

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order, and introduced the Council person on the Amarillo City Council who welcomed the Commission to Amarillo.

I. Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the July 29, 1993 meeting were approved with the following change in the wording of the motion made by Commissioner LeFlore on page 8: "Commissioner LeFlore [instructed agency] **suggested that** staff might include a person with disabilities as a nominee for a future vacancy on the Council."

II. Sale Price of 3.626 Acres of Land Located at Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

Chairman Armstrong presented background on land owned by the Commission which is to be sold. House Bill 1844, passed during the last Legislative session, gave authority to the General Land Office to sell a 3.626 acre tract of land located directly across from the State Library Records Center on Shoal Creek Boulevard. The Bill also authorized the proceeds from the sale of land to be appropriated to the State Library and Archives Commission for the purpose of constructing an additional stack floor at the State Library Records Center.

Bill Gooch informed the Commission that the General Land Office had an appraisal made of the land and the appraised value is \$262,500. This is substantially lower

than the original estimate of \$500,000 to \$700,000. Jim Crow with the General Land Office recommends that the Commission advertise the land for \$500,000. This would allow flexibility for negotiation, and the Commission would also be able to consider any other offer which might be presented.

Commission members received a letter from a neighborhood association concerned about future use of this land. The Association has asked the Commission to delay selling the land to give them time to explore options of having the City of Austin, the Preservation Society, or some other organization buy the land and develop a neighborhood park. Bill Gooch reminded the Commission that if the land is not sold before the end of the biennium (August 31, 1995), reauthorization for the appropriation from the sale of the land would have to be sought during the next Legislative session.

Chairman Armstrong asked what cost estimate had been given for the additional stack floor at the Records Center. Gooch responded that \$837,000 had been requested from the Legislature but was not funded. He further added that it was anticipated that the land would probably not be sold for the amount to fully add the entire stack floor, but an amount to add a substantial portion of stacks was anticipated.

Commissioner Stewart commented that he is sympathetic to the quality of life in a residential area, but it is important to recognize the Commission's obligation to secure the revenue to complete this project. He stressed that if the Commission chooses to postpone the land sale, a reasonable time limit should be set to give the neighborhood group a target date. Gooch recommended that at least one year, the second year of the biennium, be allowed to sell the land and purchase the shelving.

Commissioner Stewart moved that the 3.626 acres of land be advertised for sale March 1, 1994 at the minimum price of \$500,000. Commissioner Silberberg seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

III. Internal Auditor's Findings.

Catherine Lee presented the agenda item concerning the internal auditor's findings. She indicated that all but three of the auditor's findings have been resolved by the program managers. The three unresolved findings are:

1. A written disaster recovery plan should be prepared by August 31, 1993. (Internal Audit of Automated Information Systems, April 19, 1993).
2. The feasibility of using one contract with multiple sources of funding should be considered for system operations grants. (Internal Audit of Grants Management System, December 9, 1992).