

Alta Community Library Board Minutes April 9, 2026 Meeting

Call to Order by Board President, Bruce Hinkeldey at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Director - Gigi Nelson, Board Members - Bruce Hinkeldey, Colleen Schwanz, Colleen Carlson-Konop, Carol Lichtenberg, Anne lehl

Absent: Anna Garcia, Willa Casstevens - Board Members

Visitors: Laura Milliard - City Council Member, Lindsay Brown - Alta City Clerk, Lorinda Peterson - Co-Chair for the Alta Friends of the Library Steering Committee

After welcoming the visitors and the addition of the March 17th special meeting minutes to the Board Agenda, the agenda was unanimously approved following a motion by Carol Lichtenberg and seconded by Colleen Carlson-Konop.

The Library Relocation Discussion and Steering Committee Discussion focused on the following –

Bruce and Carol attended a joint meeting with Desi Suter (Mayor), Lindsay Brown (City Clerk), Pam Henderson (Council Member), Regan Launderville and Linda Pickets (Alta Park Board) and discussed the placement of a sign in the park at the future site of the library. The park board has had feedback from community members who felt that the failure of the funding referendum vote in November, also means that the library relocation will change. The city is working on a strategic plan and will be hosting a town hall meeting and at that time, will review and state the park location as the approved, final plan for the future library. After that, the park board members felt that a sign would be appropriate to place at the site. Both members indicated that they understand the research that has been done and agree that the park is a good choice for the library.

Lorinda Peterson stated that Mike and Mary Pederson have agreed to co-chair the Alta Friends of the Library Steering Committee. The March meeting resulted in the start of several sub-committees as follows:

- Grant writing and research - Mike and Mary Pederson, Colleen Carlson-Konop, Lorinda Peterson
- Donors – Carol Lichtenberg, Gigi Nelson
- Publicity/Press Releases - Geneva Allerdings (developing a brochure to show at next meeting), Ila Galvin and Alli Svendsen

- Fundraising Events - Kayla Wilson (Gigi has had persons approach her about ideas for events)

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

March Statistical Reports and March Revenue and Expense Reports were reviewed. Lindsay shared that the Capital Improvement-Buildings line item shows an increase due to a reworking of categories and that this is for the engineering studies for the library. Gigi stated that approximately 34% of the yearly budget remains for this fiscal year.

Following a motion by Colleen Schwanz and seconded by Carol Lichtenberg, the April bills were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Gigi reported that she participated in a Workday learning class on 4/7/26 which covered ADA Website Compliance. This is a new federal regulation and staff will be working toward bringing our site into compliance which is required by July 2027.

Gigi was given permission to price a 4 x 8 sign, a banner and a smaller sign for “Future Home of the Alta Library” and move forward with this order.

New Business:

Gigi reviewed the director’s report for March and the city council report. Programs were well attended, also noted that the Dolly Parton fund has approximately \$2300.00 and this should be enough for mailing costs for another year. Donor Request Sheets are being redesigned.

The Homebound Delivery Policy was tabled and will be discussed next month.

Discussion was held regarding a rough draft of a letter that Colleen Carlson-Konop is proposing to send personally to Bruce Petersen (Alta alumni whose parents were very active in the school and Alta community), requesting a donation towards the Alta Community Library Fund. All board members felt that it was a good letter, ready to send and thanked her for working on this. Other names were put out as to possible donors to approach individually - Marlys Weiland, Vicki & Gene Boelter (long time educators), Dean and Diane Radke (former chairs of the Altgether Playground Committee). That led to further discussion of setting “donor levels”, having a donor recognition, naming a room/area in honor/memory of, etc. Colleen Carlson-Konop is also planning to challenge her class (via Facebook) to donate towards the new library (\$500.00) and after that, possibly extend the challenge to other alumni classes. This info will be passed on to the Steering Committee at their April meeting.

Following a motion by Colleen Schwanz and seconded by Colleen Carlson-Konop, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Alta Community Library Board will be at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th, 2026 at the library.