

RESOLUTION NO. 98-20

WHEREAS, the Lexington Public Library Board, after studying the relevant and material facts, has made findings and determinations concerning the condition and state of the Lexington Public Library facilities; and

WHEREAS, action is required of the City to respond to such facts and to promote the general welfare of the people of the City of Lexington.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council does herewith and hereby adopt the Lexington Library Board's determinations and findings concerning the state and condition of the Lexington Public Library and incorporates such determinations and findings herein by this reference; and

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED the Lexington Public Library Board is authorized to contract for and obtain a needs assessment and public interest survey, using such techniques, methods, persons and entities as the Library Board shall determine after due and diligent inquiry and investigation, to identify and quantify the needs of the citizens of Lexington for information and other services provided by the Public Library, to quantify the support for library facilities and services improvements and the preferences expressed for the means by which such improvements can be financed.

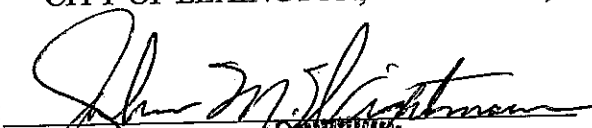
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Lexington Library Board is authorized to obtain requests for proposals from architectural and design firms for the purpose of investigating renovations, improvements, remodeling, additions and other construction efforts to pursue the mission of the Lexington Public Library and to meet the current and future needs of the Lexington citizens for information and other resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the needs assessment shall be paid for from the general operating budget of the City from such funds and programs as determined by the City's administration.

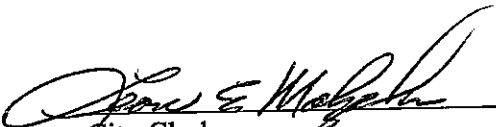
PASSED AND APPROVED this day 13th day of October, 1998.

CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA,

BY:


John M. Wightman, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



FINDINGS OF THE LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNING THE STATE
AND CONDITION OF THE LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES
OCTOBER 13, 1998

1. A public library is essential to the informational, educational and other fundamental needs of the citizens of Lexington, is necessary to the stability of the City and is necessary to future growth of the City.

2. The existing library facilities of the City of Lexington were dedicated in June of 1966, at which time the City had a population of 5,570 people and its population was predominantly monocultural and monolingual.

3. Since June 1966, the population of Lexington has increased to nearly 10,000 people and the cultural and ethnic diversity of the community has greatly increased.

4. Within its peer groups, Lexington's Public Library's facilities rank the lowest in terms of library space per citizen.

5. Due to present space limitations, the library's reference, young adult, non-English and periodical collections have become zero growth collections.

6. The existing library facility has no space available for new and advancing technologies required to further the public's access to information and data necessary for an informed and involved public.

7. Access to the facility, its public amenities and to portions of the collections is encumbered by design and space inadequacies.

8. Library programming is unreasonably limited due to the lack of space at the Public Library.

9. Expansion and renovations of the Public Library Facilities are necessary to provide appropriate space for collections, for expanded use of technology, for improvements in technology, for the development of programming, including after-school programs, distance learning programs, professional, vocational and recreational reading and for other opportunities for the free exchange of ideas, information and resources in the Lexington community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lexington Public Library is to extend quality service to area residents. Quality service encompasses current resources and relevant, innovative programming which will enhance lifelong learning and enjoyment and which will empower our citizens to be responsible and successful members of the world community.