



**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 8th, 2023**

Present: Andrew Love, Chair; Cathy Wasnick, Vice-Chair; Kathleen Perry; Shelley Engle; Amanda Eng; Adreana Kusaba; Michelle Foley; Norma Cardenas; Jillian Mariano; Arvin Mirtorabi, Teen Library Council Liaison; Nadia Hasan, City Council Liaison; Glenn Ferdman, Library Director; and Kristin Fidler, Administrative Assistant

Absent: none

Guests: Rachel Thieme, Project Manager, Downtown Equity Strategy, Beaverton City Community Development Department

Chair Andrew Love called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Introductions

Approval of Minutes from January 11th, 2023, meeting:

- Chair Andrew Love called for the approval of the January 11th, 2023, minutes. Vice-Chair Cathy Wasnick MOVED to have the minutes passed as written. Shelley Engle SECONDED the motion to approve the minutes. Motion CARRIED.

Public Comment: none

Partner Reports

Council Report: Councilor Nadia Hasan reported that the Council's retreat is taking place over the weekend to prioritize big level projects in light of the budget deficit. Councilor Hasan encouraged the board to let the council know what projects they'd like to see the city carry forward. The Council isn't looking to reduce any city services and is mindful of the stress a budget shortfall can place on staff. The Councilor also spoke about how the city is still working its way through the transition to a City Manager form of government.

The Teen Library Council: Arvin Mirtorabi reported that the TLC has been creating short book summary videos to post on YouTube and that the podcast project remains popular. The TLC is planning to host an event at the library sometime soon to highlight what the TLC does and to help recruit members.

Beaverton Library Foundation: Glenn Ferdman reported that the Foundation meets every other month and did not meet in February. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation and the city is currently under review at the City Attorney's office. The Foundation's fall appeal letter raised over \$11,000.

New Friends of the Beaverton City Library : Kathleen Perry will attend the New Friends meeting later this month and report back to the board in March.

New Business:

Downtown Equity Strategy: Rachel Thieme, Community Development Project Manager. Rachel Thieme explained that the city's Downtown Equity Strategy seeks to guide how the city and BURA approach redevelopment to ensure the development of a vibrant downtown for everyone in our community. Rachel Thieme shared that the project area for the Downtown Equity Strategy includes the main library. The project's overall goals include preventing, minimizing, and mitigating displacement of residents and businesses while institutionalizing racial equity in the city's community engagement and decision-making processes.

Advisory Board presentation to City Council: The Library Advisory Board will present to City Council on March 21st. The Council meeting begins at 7pm and will be held virtually. Director Glenn Ferdman will share the agenda with board members once the agenda is released.

Future Library Advisory Board Meetings: Director Glenn Ferdman explained that the board could continue to meet exclusively virtually, could return to in-person meetings, or could do a hybrid version of meetings that are both in-person and virtual. Glenn Ferdman confirmed that the library has the tech to support hybrid meetings. Jillian Mariano called for a vote for the board to have a hybrid meeting at the main library in April 2023. Motion passed. The Library Advisory Board will hold its first hybrid meeting on April 12th, 2023.

Director's Report: Glenn Ferdman reported that the owner of the South Cooper Mountain land being considered for the development of a new branch library has decided to sell the land instead of pursuing the project. This was due to increased costs of developing the land and a grant that didn't come through. New owners could pursue building a new branch library, but the chances are slim. Additionally, the city's overall budget deficit and other priorities like a community center and a new Public Works facility will probably take precedence. Glenn Ferdman reminded the board that the lease for the current Murray Scholls location goes until January 2026. Work on next FY's budget continues. The library leadership and the city leadership are looking at options to increase library revenue and cut costs.

For the Good of the Order:

Comment Cards : Four comment cards were read.

Set Date for Next Library Advisory Board Meeting:

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. on the Zoom.gov virtual meeting platform.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Glenn Ferdman, Library Director

APPROVED BY: