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Library Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

October 21, 2021 - 6:30 PM

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Judeen Bartos at 6:36 pm.
2. Roll call: Judeen Bartos, Meghan Evoy, Kelly Farrah, Adrienne Fazzolara, Amanda Hanlin, Kevin Yezbick. Director Jenny Marr and Recording Secretary Kerrie Patterson also present. Daniel Hooper absent with notice.
3. Approval of agenda:
Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Farrah/second Hanlin); passed unanimously.
4. Public comment: None.
5. Minutes: Approve September 16, 2021 regular meeting proposed minutes: (See att.)
Motion: Approve September 16, 2021 regular meeting proposed minutes. (Yezbick/second Farrah); passed unanimously.
6. October is Library Appreciation Month: (See att.)
7. FPS Outreach Update: Librarian Michelle Williamson shared with the Board her work with the Ferndale schools and their libraries. She has been working in various capacities for roughly five years now, first as a parent volunteer and then as an employee of the library.
8. Proposed Storywalk Project: (See att.) Librarian Jordan Wright requested that the Board financially support an initiative to install a Storywalk at Martin Road Park after the new splash pad is installed there next summer. The Storywalk would be installed and maintained by DPW and be adjacent to the splash pad. Library staff would be responsible for selecting and installing the books.
Motion: Approve the Storywalk Project Proposal in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. (Hanlin/second Fazzolara); passed unanimously.
9. Plan Ferndale Update: (See att.) Justin Lyons from the City of Ferndale attended to share an update on Plan Ferndale, which has three virtual summit sessions scheduled for next week. The three sessions will cover Parks and Rec, Land Use, and Climate Action.
10. Discussion 141 Vester Development Project: (See att.) Marr shared information about a potential new project close to the library that could impact parking for library patrons and staff. Marr will monitor the project's progress by attending planning sessions and providing library concerns and perspective.
11. Director's report: (See att.) The Library newsletter has been distributed to Ferndale households and feedback has been positive. There was an increase in library card applications after the mailing went out.

Library foot traffic remains lighter than before the pandemic closure but can be partially attributed to the lack of in-person programming thus far.

12. Acceptance of expenditures and finance reports for the month of September: (See att.)

Motion: Accept the expenditures and finance reports for the month of September. (Evoy/second Farrah); passed unanimously.

13. Committee reports:

A. Art & Exhibitions: No report.

B. Friends of the FPL: No report.

C. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: The committee is continuing to work with NEW.org regarding the Board's desire for in-person training and if it is feasible for them at this time.

D. Finance: (See att.) The audit will be presented at next month's meeting. Yezbick is looking forward to the audit review since he was surveyed.

E. Personnel: No report.

F. Schools: No report.

14. Committee membership appointments as needed: Not needed.

15. Review action items:

A. Marr will add to the strategic planning list the revival of a School/Library Boards liaison.

B. Marr will attend the planning commission meeting on behalf of the library that discusses the 141 Vester Development Project.

C. Marr will contact New.org to discuss diversity training plans.

16. Announcements/comments from board members:

A. Fazzolara came into the library last week with her daughter and they both had a great time. Her daughter was excited to be back in the building and see the new telescopes. Librarian Jordan Wright was very helpful to them and told them about all of the programming.

B. Yezbick recognized Jeff Milosevich's work on Tik Tok and social media. He heard a comment from a co-worker about our Tik Tok who said it's really good. Mayor Melanie Piana also commented on it when she was here in person earlier. MLA shared one of his Tik Toks a few weeks ago and it went viral.

C. Evoy appreciates the creativity and vitality of the library creating more work for itself (in a good way) by continuing to create projects.

D. Bartos seconds Evoy.

17. Adjourn:

Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. (Farrah/second Fazzolara); passed unanimously.

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