

## **Library Advisory Board Meeting May 24, 2021**

**In Attendance:** Joan Hook, Marci Mihall, Peter Segall, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Ron Becker, Mark Vandebroek, and filling in for Andi Figart were Stephanie Jones and Joyce Hasnoot

- I. **Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.** by Chairwoman Joan Hook
- II. **Minutes:** The April 2021 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- III. **Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Officer/Committee Report:**
  - a. Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative Board (Ron Becker) -  
The Board held their last meeting until September 14, 2021. They reviewed the county library budget. The Board also discussed the new ebook service, Cloud Library. The Board is working on a strategic plan for the Pasco County Libraries. They are looking for five stakeholders (groups) to meet with them and help them develop the plan. Those meetings would be between June 21<sup>st</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> of 2021. Lastly, the dates and plans for the openings of the Centennial Library, Starkey Ranch Library and New River Library were presented. Some LAB members may visit those libraries.
  - b. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Bonnie Martin) -  
The book benches are being ordered by the City. There are two benches – one sponsored by the Friends of the NPR Library and one sponsored by the New Port Richey Library Foundation. The Foundation requests that their bench include pages from the book David Copperfield. The Friends will discuss their choice at their upcoming meeting. Copyright rules will determine the feasibility of those choices.
  - c. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart) -
    - The Summer Reading Challenge for children and adults is ready on Beanstalk. -
    - All GET LOCAL Summer Challenge events are at City parks and businesses due to renovations.
    - The renovations are proceeding very well and pictures are available on the City website.
    - Williams Architects provided Time Capsule recommendations. The LAB unanimously voted to have the Friends of the NPR Library purchase the Honeywell Safe and Box Chest, as well as archival envelopes. Additionally, the vote included opening in 35 years.
    - A virtual presentation about sustainability will be given in partnership by PHSC, Pasco, and NPR libraries.
    - Our Library has been awarded a Cornerstone Test the Waters Kit which will include water-related activities for all ages.

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- City staff, including some of the Library staff, are being trained in emergency response. "Stop the Bleed" is the next training.
- The 2021-22 City and Library budgets are in the planning stages. The LAB will review the Library's portion and its strategic plan.
- Library collection items are no longer quarantined, following updated CDC information.
- Marci Mihall and Bonnie Martin have applied for reappointment to the LAB. The terms are for 3 years. Marci fills an out-of-city member position and Bonnie fills a city resident member position. Their reappointments are scheduled for the 6/1/21 City Council Mtg.

**V. Continuing Business:** The LAB reviewed the City Ordinance 2.11-2.233 of Chpt. 2, Article VII, which refers to the Library and the LAB. The major issues discussed today included:

- a. Reorganizing Sections 213, 214, 2.221, 2.222, and 2.223 so they all follow Section 215.
- b. Consider discontinuing alternate members and forming the LAB with 9 members (7 city residents and 2 out-of-city members).
- c. Clarify wording in 2.216 regarding income generated by library activities and the allocation of those funds to the City's General Fund. This should include the section regarding Special Use Fees.
- d. Clarifying Section 2.216 and 2.213 which refer to donations and gifts to the Library.

*By unanimous vote, it was decided that the above changes and any related concerns would be presented to the City Attorney for his input and direction.*

**VI. New Business:** The LAB members will research information on the future of libraries and discuss their findings at the next meeting. Discussion could help guide strategic planning.

Joan donated a signed copy of Vanishing Florida by Kevin Boldenow.

**VII. Next Meeting:** June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers

**VIII. Adjourn:** By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie M. Martin*

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary