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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2025
5:30 PM

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MEMBERS PRESENT: John Zsiray, David Welch, Chelsea Bitner, Christopher Scheer

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Annie Waddoups, Amy Anderson (City Council)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Frank Stewart

LIBRARY STAFF: Joseph Anderson, Morgan Capitan

VISITORS: Mayor Holly Daines, Ernesto López (City Council), Frank Ascione (Friends of the Library)

BUSINESS:

- The meeting was conducted by John; roll call was conducted by Morgan; the minutes for January were reviewed and approved.
- Mayor Daines announced that the city has chosen a new library director, Michael Sauers, and shared the press release the city had prepared about it. John added that staff have expressed excitement about the announcement and Mr. Sauers's experience. Mayor Daines encouraged the Board to meet with him after he's started to make plans for the library's future. He will start Monday, March 24. John asked about the City Council process, and Frank mentioned that the Friends look forward to meeting and making plans with him as well.
- Joseph presented the monthly statistical report. John asked about the most impactful social media posts listed in the report and what kind of engagement the Library had had on those posts. This included the post about changes to Hoopla services, and the Board discussed the reception of those changes, comments they have received and how actual usage has changed since the reduction in monthly borrows. Mayor Daines recommended keeping the budgets the same next fiscal year, so the new director can get his footing and adjust accordingly. Chelsea remarked on the number of well attended programs in the month of January.
- Joseph reported on the progress of grants. The LSTA grant final reporting has been completed and submitted. The CLEF grant application is in the process of being finalized, and just needs a few signatures. John asked what the CLEF grant funds can be used for and Joseph clarified.
- The library has spent 47% of the budget, and the year is 65% through. Joseph has worked with the staff to see what funds could be contributed from various librarians' budgets to help meet the needs for the Maintenance Electronic budget for the rest of the year.
- Joseph noticed that the duties of the vice chair include a provision related to the budget, and asked Chelsea to meet to discuss the budget report before next month's meeting. After that, she and the new director can coordinate about that responsibility.
- Joseph reported on the state of the building. The building has been in use for almost a full year, and warranties will expire soon. Joseph and the facilities staff are going through the building and finding any last issues to bring up to Hogan before that point. Christopher asked about the staining on the bricks on the outside of the library, and Joseph explained that that is salt that is naturally occurring in the bricks.

The builders have said that it's normal and should just wash off over time. John asked whether the tech issues in the community rooms and the conference rooms have been resolved, and Joseph reported that it has been worked on and at this point in time the tech is working as it should. John asked if the Board could help in any way with the reporting of damage to the building, and Mayor Daines clarified which contracts are involved in some of these building issues. David asked about the future of the technology contract and repairs. Joseph reported that there has been continued work on the boiler, and that it had affected staff on Saturday, when the building temperature was 60 degrees.

- After the previous meeting, Joseph met with Ambrie and Rich to talk about options for staffing and how that would affect the budget. Their recommendation was that money could be moved if necessary during the year, and not to hire additional staff before the new director begins. The library has hired a part time employee to fill the vacant full time position, and now will be looking for a replacement for that part time position. Chelsea asked whether the money allocated by city council last fall had been earmarked for staff or anything else. Mayor Daines responded that it had been earmarked just for the general library budget.
- Mayor Daines brought up the increase in propoerty tax used to provide the additional funding earmarked for the Library in the fall, and that that the non resident fee might need to be adjusted to be fair to city residents who pay taxes. The Board discussed the nonresident fees, how they have been calculated in the past, and whether they should be updated. Mayor Daines will discuss it with Finance Director Rich Anderson.
- Ernesto reported on the City Council. The biggest thing going through the city council is the Canyon Road project. The city council has chosen to go forward with the project because it overall was cheaper for the city, cheaper for taxpayers, and less invasive on residents' lives overall, despite the unpopularity of the removal of a section of old trees along Canyon Road. The city will work with the neighborhood throughout the process.
- Frank reported that the Friends will be working with Subaru of Ogden, one of the sponsors of the train display, on a feature for their magazine about its impact on the community. They will work with the new director to determine if the train is a program that he would support as an annual program. The Friends annual membership meeting, where the board is elected, is coming up on March 19. They are also planning two events, a screening of the documentary Banned Together on April19 hopefully with a panel discussion afterward, and hoping to plan a second date for that screening as well. They are also planning to host Richard Hatch, a magician, to put on a show for kids sometime in May. They are discussing ways to potentially host a fundraising book sale, which might entail allowing individuals to rent a table to sell books from their own collection. John suggested looking into linking that up with the Farmers Market in warmer weather, and Joseph suggested hosting such events outdoors on the plaza.
- There were no action items on the agenda this month, and the Board shared some of the feedback they'd received from the community this month. David said the biggest thing he'd seen questions and feedback about was the Hoopla changes announcement, and other board members agreed. The Board thought that these changes had been well communicated and gone over more smoothly than other unpopular changes. Ernesto asked if it would be useful to have a banner made for the architecture design award that the new building had won, and the Mayor replied that the award had come with a plaque that could be displayed inside the building instead.
- John asked the Board to fill out a short questionnaire about Board members' visions for the future of the Board, some challenges that may get in the way, and possible changes the Board could make to meet those goals. These questions are designed to help staff at the state library to find ways to support and train library boards throughout the state, as well as guiding the Board's own course.

- David reported on bills that the Utah Library Association is tracking and asked Frank about HB77, which Frank had asked about earlier. Frank explained that the controversy is that as written, it would consider historical flags, such as a Nazi flag or a Confederate flag, as acceptable, but would not consider a pride flag historical, rather political. Frank asked if that passes, if that would change the way the library would engage with displays and programs for things like pride month. Christopher and Frank discussed existing guidance on personal space vs government property in relation to this issue and other related rules about displaying flags that have come up in the local school districts in recent years. Chelsea asked if the library had a history of displaying flags for such programs, and Joseph said that in the old building the Library had displayed the flags of the armed services around veterans day, and flags from various Spanish speaking countries during Hispanic Heritage Month, but that upon moving to the new building, the Library had had to remove most of its flag collection.
- Christopher has started looking at different multicultural programs and festivals at libraries across the country and how they organize boards to plan and carry out those.
- Frank updated the Board on the status of the Friends' bank accounts, and that the Friends' membership roll has been digitized, so that the Friends can process membership renewals via email going forward.
- David motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was voted upon and approved. The public meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM