

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Jean Andrews, Chairman
Ron Waters, Member
Judy Cohan, Member
Ken Hurley, Member

ABSENT:

John Phillips, Sr., Member, excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator
Elaine Edmunds, Director of Administrative Services
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Approval of Minutes - December 13, 2012

Ms. Cohan made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waters and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

3. Update on Library Expansion and Renovation

Ms. Ruscella reviewed the attached plans presented and shared the changes the expansion/renovation will make for additional uses for the Library. A renovation has been in the Five-Year Facilities Plan for the city. Resolution 2013-02 was

presented to and approved by the City of St. Pete Beach Commission showing their support of the expansion.

Ms. Ruscella has contacted several sources for funding which include Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC), State of Florida support through the Library and Museum Services and a possible local fund raising campaign with the help of the Friends of the Library, the Committee, and other volunteers.

4. Budget Updates

Ms. Edmunds reported costs were within the budget for the first third of the fiscal year. She also gave an update on the air handling unit at the Library and projected the repair costs would go over the maintenance allocation for the year.

5. Highlights of Programming and Services

Ms. Ruscella gave a report on new and continuing activities at the Library.

- a. The changes in fines, which were previously approved by the Committee and the Commission, have gone into effect.
- b. The Governor's 2013-14 budget proposals for the public libraries funding decreased by one million dollars.
- c. On March 12th, State Library Day will be observed by lobbying the Florida Legislature for increased financial support.
- d. St. Pete Beach Parking Permits are being sold at the Library on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5-8 p.m.
- e. The City IT Department recommended the purchase of a new Wi-Fi hub to enable more simultaneous users to log on to the Internet. The equipment has been purchased and installed.
- f. The Library received a generous donation during the holidays and this money will be used to purchase two new computers for staff members.
- g. The "Friends of the Library" gave the Library staff and volunteers gift cards from Publix for Valentine's Day.
- h. Due to the increase in participation at the Library, one member of the staff will come in on Sunday of each week and empty the outside book drop during the busy "season" .
- i. Tim Dorsey, a local author, had a book signing for his latest book with a large number of residents attending.

- j. The iPad Users Group has been so popular that they have had to limit the number of participants to fifteen at each session. The weekly E-Readers' Forum also continues to be popular with Library patrons.
- k. AARP members have been assisting residents with Income Tax filing at the Library each Friday. Ms. Ruscella reported the blank tax forms are starting to be available at the Library after a delay in printing and distribution by the government.

6. Open Discussion

- a. Mr. Waters asked if anyone had heard any comments after having a Sheriff's Department patrolling the Library parking lot when Corey Avenue has a Saturday event. Ms. Ruscella informed the Committee the St. Pete Beach Parking Enforcement team had patrolled instead at the request of Ms. Edmunds and there had been very good results and feedback.

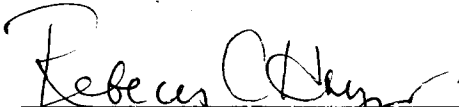
A motion was made by Ms. Cohan to recognize the Parking Enforcement Personnel by a written note from the Committee. Mr. Waters seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by a voice vote.

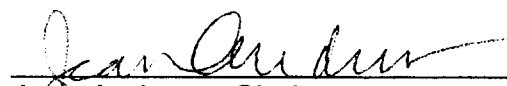
- b. The next meeting for the Library Advisory Committee was scheduled for May 9, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Jean Andrews, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: 5/9/2013