

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT:

Judy Cohan, Chairwoman
Steve Traiman, Vice Chair
Lance Peterson, Member
John Phillips, Sr., Member
Wendy Holmes, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Elaine Edmunds, Administrative Services Director
Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

2. Audience Comments

The audience comments were postponed at this time due to no members present in the audience.

3. Approval of Minutes

Member Traiman made a motion to approve the March 19, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Member Peterson and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Member Peterson made a motion to approve the July 7, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Traiman and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

4. Highlights from 2016 Library Budget

Ms. Edmunds, Administrative Services Director, updated the Library Advisory Committee that the budget was approved by the City Commission during final reading at the September 22 Commission meeting and gave details to the committee in regard to the Library budget.

There was committee and staff discussion in regard to options for a new library, and Member Peterson made a suggestion to include the topic as an agenda item on future agendas.

Ms. Edmunds informed the Library Advisory Committee that there will be a workshop about the future of the library and the police department building on October 13, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers.

5. Library Staffing Update

Ms. Ruscella informed the Committee about the following Library staffing changes:

- planned retirement celebrations for Mary Jane Hyatt and Nancy Gibbs
- 36 applications received for two professional position opportunities in the Library
- request to hire a temporary Library Clerk for approximately 20 hours a week at the circulation desk through the month of October
- the reading therapy dog is retiring and the program will be suspended until a replacement can be found
- month-by-month programming schedules for the present time

6. Library 5-year Strategic Plan, 2016 - 2020

Ms. Ruscella reviewed the document entitled "St. Pete Beach LIBRARY 5-Year Strategic Plan, 2016-2020 GOALS" with the Library Advisory Committee members which included objectives for FY2016.

7. Open Discussion

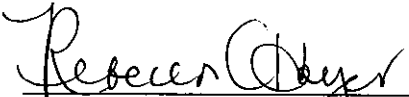
The following items were discussed:

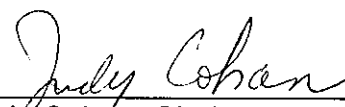
- the City I.T. department repaired the library TV
- Next meeting: 11/19/15 at 2:00 p.m.
- Discuss the fundraising campaign if the City Commission approves a new library
- Vice Chairman Traiman requested to receive the minutes earlier

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Judy Cohan, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: 11/19/15