

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 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:

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

2. Audience Comments

Chairwoman Cohan asked for audience comments. Hearing none, Chairwoman Cohan invited Wayne Saunders, City Manager, to speak to the Library Advisory Committee.

1. Changes to the Agenda

City Manager, Wayne Saunders, requested to move Item No. 5, "Discussion of the City Commission's option(s) for a new Library," first, due to a conflict of scheduling.

5. Discussion of the City Commission's option(s) for a new Library

City Manager Saunders informed the Library Advisory Committee of the details for the following topics in regard to the City Commission's decision for the library:

- the Library will move to the police station site
- demolish the police station
- identify projects to be accomplished with grant money
- RFQ for a consultant to start the planning process for the new Library
- can use Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars for the Library project in the future
- footprint of 12,000 square feet needs to be revisited

- Estimated 2 to 3 million dollars needed to start construction

3. **Approval of Minutes (meeting of September 24, 2015)**

Member Peterson made a motion to approve the September 24, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Traiman and unanimously approved by a voice vote, (5 yeses – 0 nos).

4. **Library Staffing Update**

Ms. Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator, updated the Library Advisory Committee in regard to the following topics:

- planned retirement celebration for Nancy Gibbs after 45 years of service to St. Pete Beach
- two new librarians: Betcinda Kettells and Maureen Marton
- opening for full-time library clerk in the future
- The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative has elected to go with a new online system in 2016, SirsiDynix
- RFQ for a consultant to construct a new library

6. **Open Discussion**

At this time there was committee discussion in regard to the new library.

Chairman Cohan stated the next Library Advisory Committee meeting will be January 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Judy Cohan, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: January 28, 2016