

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 28, 2016

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator
Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk

1. Changes to the Agenda

City Clerk, Rebecca Haynes, requested to remove Item No. 3, "Approval of May 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes," from the agenda. Ms. Haynes informed the Library Advisory Committee that the minutes would be presented at the next meeting.

2. Audience Comments

Wayne Saunders, City Manager, updated the committee in regard to the City Commission budget workshop and the library construction project being postponed.

3. Approval of the May 19, 2016 minutes

This item was removed during Item No. 1, "Changes to the Agenda."

4. Progress Report on New Library Building Planning

Ms. Ruscella, Library Administrator, commented on her retirement and encouraged the Library Advisory Committee members to try to ensure that the City Commission does transfer funds into the Capital Improvement Plan for the library in 2017.

There was committee discussion in regard to the grant money received from the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, PPLC, for the library. Ms. Ruscella recommended submitting the following to the PPLC:

- bills the City paid for the remodel, approximately \$55,000
- a proposal for the grant to be extended and detail how the City would spend the remaining \$145,000

City Manager Saunders spoke to the Library Advisory Committee and reiterated Ms. Ruscella's suggestion of putting together a request to the PPLC to utilize the remaining monies for enhancements and ask for an extension on the grant.

Vice Chairman Traidman made a motion that the Library Advisory Committee endorse a letter to the PPLC Board for an extension of the \$200,000 grant into the fiscal 2017 to cover proposed enhancements. The motion was seconded by Member Peterson and unanimously approved by a roll call vote, (5 yeases – 0 nos).

5. Library Activities Update

Ms. Phyllis Ruscella, Library Administrator, gave a general update to the board on current development in the library.

Vice Chairman Traidman made a motion that the Library Advisory Committee recommend to the City Commission that each donor for the new library fund be given the option to get their donation back or leave it for the future new library. The motion was seconded by Member Holmes.

Chairwoman Cohan asked for comments and committee discussion followed.

Chairwoman Cohan called for the vote.

The motion was approved by a roll call vote, (5 yeases – 0 nos).

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Judy Cohan, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: 9/22/16