

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 17, 2020 - 2:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted utilizing Communications Media Technology in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order.

Vice Chair Traiman called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

PRESENT: Steve Traiman, Vice Chair
Bill Thompson, Member
Wendy Holmes Boring, Member
Kathleen Kennedy, Member

ABSENT: Judy Cohan, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Vincent Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager
Betcinda Kettells, Library Director
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

1. Changes to the Agenda

The Chair and Vice Chair for 2020 were to be appointed in April, but due to COVID-related meeting cancellations, that action was moved to this meeting.

Vice Chair Traiman moved to re-appoint Judy Cohan as Chair; the motion was seconded by Member Holmes Boring and carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Member Holmes Boring nominated Steve Traiman as Vice Chair; the motion was seconded by Member Kennedy and carried unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Audience Comments There were no audience comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of the 12/12/2019 minutes

Member Kennedy moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2019 as presented; the motion was seconded by Member Holmes Boring and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

4. Action Items There were no action items

5. Discussion Items

Ms. Kettells informed the members that 'in house' meetings at City Hall will resume in October, unless there are any COVID-19 changes. She also reported that the Clerk's Office no longer requires signatures on approved meeting minutes.

As Chair Cohan will be unable to attend the December 17th meeting, the Committee unanimously agreed to move the December meeting to the 10th of the month.

a. Summer Reading Program

Ms. Kettells reported that new Librarian Abigail Davis created and implemented the program beginning June 1st and it was extremely successful.

b. Crafts and Other Passive Programs

The Passive Programs can be conducted without the need for group gatherings. An educational COVID-19 coloring book, interactive play table, take home craft kits, items for the Fire Department's Hurricane Preparedness event, and goodie packs for virtual school attendees are some of the ways the library has been able to contribute to and engage with the community. To address the community's need for food, a free food pantry has been installed and the need has been greater than anticipated. The library also served as a ballot drop off during the primary election and will do the same during the general election.

c. Renovation

Mr. Tenaglia reported that the PPLC (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative) grant acquisition has prepaid for the furnishings, equipment and shelving for the library totaling approximately \$190,000. The renovation project is moving along with no anticipated delays with completion expected in December and a target move-in date in January.

Vice Chair Traiman added that the Friends of the Library are ready to pay for additional items, such as a new drop off box and a self-check-in/check-out station.

A discussion followed on the possibility of Treasure Island partnering with the St. Pete Beach Library sometime in the next few years; this would potentially bring new revenue to the St. Pete Beach Library. Ms. Kettells explained the cooperative of the Gulf Beaches Library. As part of the PPLC Library Cooperative, St. Pete Beach already serves Treasure Island residents.

6. Adjournment – Next meeting 12/10/2020

Member Kennedy moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Member Holmes Boring and the meeting was adjourned a 2:25 PM.

These minutes were approved at the December 10, 2020 Library Advisory Committee meeting.