

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

November 19, 2020 - 2:00 P.M.

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

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

1. **Changes to the Agenda**
2. **Audience Comments** There were no audience comments.
3. **Discussion Items**

a. **Consideration of Library Name Change** - Ms. Kettells explained that it was suggested to the City Manager that when the library reopens in January, it be renamed in honor of Roberta Whipple. This special meeting was called because the reopening date is imminent. Ms. Kettells asked for Committee input.

Other more active ideas were discussed to honor Mrs. Whipple including a showpiece fish tank, an outdoor reading area, a scholarship fund for St. Pete Beach students, an ovarian cancer awareness campaign, internships at Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, reinvigoration of the sister city campaign that she started, create a bird or butterfly habitat, or a homebound library program with the vehicle named in her honor. There is over \$6,000 in the Roberta Whipple Memorial Fund that was created after her death, which the Friends of the Library holds.

Committee discussion found that the preferences were for a scholarship fund, fish tank, or a delivery vehicle. All of the members agreed that they would prefer the library continue to be named the St Pete Beach Library.

Member Thompson moved and Member Kennedy seconded that the library name shall remain St. Pete Beach Public Library; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tenaglia added comments on the library renovation, which is on schedule for early January. The Friends of the Library have made a number of contributions that are sincerely appreciated. Dean Fortune, mural artist, is working on some end panels for children's department shelving. A ribbon cutting can be discussed at the December 10th meeting.

6. **Adjournment** – Next meeting 12/10/2020

Member Kennedy moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM.

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