

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 18, 2021 - 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

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

1. **Changes to the Agenda** - There were no changes to the agenda.
2. **Audience Comments** - There were no audience comments.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of the 12/10/20 minutes

Vice Chair Traiman moved to approve the December 20, 2020 minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Member Holmes Boring and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

4. **Discussion Items**

a. Renovation/finishing touches – Ms. Kettells reported that the interior of the library is nearly finished; there are just a few shelves to go up in the perimeter area. There is still some work being completed in the alleyway. Feedback has been positive.

b. Parking Lot Reconstruction – The reconstruction is well underway. Ms. Kettells reported that the job is not just surfacing and painting, but work is also being done for drainage and underground infrastructure. The palm tree was saved. There will be 42 parking spaces, a few more than the 39 required. Work will be completed before April 9th.

c. Ribbon Cutting/Grand Re-opening – Ms. Kettells and staff are coordinating with Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer McMahon and the [Tampa Bay Beaches] Chamber of Commerce for a weeklong celebration, beginning on April 26th with the ribbon-cutting at 9:30 AM. Over 150 have been invited. The following day will be ‘Kid’s Day’ and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will highlight the different Districts of the City. Saturday, May 1st will be a ‘Bookend Celebration’ from 10:00 AM until noon. ‘Touch a Firetruck’ will be there for kids and mimosas and live entertainment for adults.

d. Programming – The Mayor’s Open Office returns on Monday, March 22nd – the first in the new building. Other programs will gradually return with movies for seniors and kid’s story times. Activities will resume slowly and safely, gauging the comfort level of the patrons.

There has been a positive write-up in The Gabber and other articles coming in the Paradise News and the Beach Beacon.

Mr. Tenaglia briefly reported that the construction went smoothly. He expressed appreciation to the donors of many years, The Friends of the Library, Hennessy Construction (which managed the project so well), PPLC, Chuck Flynt for the temporary Library arrangement, and Ms. Kettells and her team for all of their work before, during and after the transition.

6. **Adjournment** – Next meeting 06/17/2021

Member Holmes Boring moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Member Thompson and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

These minutes were approved at the September 23, 2021 Library Advisory Committee meeting.