

Session 17-02, a Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Peterson at 5:30 p.m. on March 7, 2017 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: BOARDMEMBER FALLON, KUSZMAUL, MASSION, PETERSON, SPRINGER (telephonic)

STAFF: LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON
DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

The Board met for a worksession at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the Book Drive-Amazon Wish List and Bookstore, and the presentation to City Council.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

KUSZMAUL/MASSION MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL TO THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING.

There was brief comment they wanted to continue their worksession discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

The Board continued to review the power point slides that were provided as a laydown at the worksession. They discussed funding options including increasing existing taxes, implementing a new tax, negotiating an intergovernmental agreement with the borough, and charging fees. They also touched on adding options to pay off the existing library loan or paying it off early by making balloon payments that would save a considerable amount of interest payments.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

VISITORS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 7, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

KUSZMAUL/MASSION MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

REPORTS

A. Library Director's Report

Library Director Dixon reviewed her report.

B. Friends Report

Board member Massion said he attended the Friends meeting. It was his first time to attend and acknowledged they have good things going and are a good asset to the library.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Book Drive – Update on Amazon Wish List and Bookstore Discussion

Chair Peterson commented the Board discussed this at the worksession. She reviewed that they are moving forward with the Amazon Wish List and hope to kick it off in April. The Bookstore is on board to work with them to promote a local alternative as well.

There was brief discussion about ways to get the word out with a press release through local media, notices around town, and working with the Friends to get information emailed out. Chair Peterson said she would write something to promote the Book Drive information.

B. Presentation to Council Update

Chair Peterson commented the Board discussed this at the worksession and earlier in the meeting.

Board member Kuszmaul said she will have another draft with input on the history as well as the loan at their next meeting and will plan to meet with the City Manager prior to the meeting also. An invitation will be extended to the Friends to attend the LAB meeting to see the information the board will be providing to City Council on May 8th.

They were advised that the final presentation will need to be to the City Clerk by May 3rd at 10 a.m. to be included in the Council's meeting packet.

NEW BUSINESS

A. EBSCO Solar Library Grant

Library Director Dixon reviewed the grant information in her Director's report.

FALLON/MASSION MOVED THAT THE LAB WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION IN THE GRANT PROPOSAL.

Board member Fallon agreed to write a letter and provide it to the City Clerk's office.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- B. National Library Week Proclamation April 9-15
 - a. Attendance at April 10th City Council Meeting

Board member Massion agreed to attend on April 10th. Other members were encouraged to attend if they are able.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. 2017 Board Member Attendance at Council Meetings

Board member Fallon agreed to attend on March 13th, Board member Massion will attend April 10th, and they all will be there on May 8th for the presentation.

- B. Ordinances 04-30(A) and 05-03 and Resolution 04-88 and 05-40(S) Re: Library Loan and Sales Tax Propositions

Board member Kuszmaul said she had requested some information about the history of the library loan and sales tax that related to the loan.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

Board member Massion thanked Marcia for her work on the presentation.

Board member Kuszmaul asked them to continue to review the information and let her know if any changes are needed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned 6:33 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved:_____