

Session 19-02, a Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Jacque Peterson at 5:33 p.m. on March 5, 2019 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: BOARDMEMBERS PETERSON, KUSZMAUL (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), FINN, MASSION, FAIR, SCHMIDT AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE BENEDETTI

ABSENT: BOARDMEMBER SPRINGER (unexcused)

STAFF: LIBRARY DIRECTOR DIXON
DEPUTY CITY CLERK TUSSEY

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Peterson requested a motion to approve the agenda.

FAIR/MASSION MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2019

Chair Peterson asked if there were any amendments needed and requested a motion to approve the minutes.

FAIR/FINN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 5, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

REPORTS

- A. Library Director Report for February 2019
- i. 2019 Statistical Report – laydown
 - ii. 2018 Statistical Report

Library Director Dixon provided her staff report, noting the following topics:

- Attendance at the Alaska Library Association (ALA) conference in Juneau
- Hosted and provided library tours to Marika Visser from the ALA
- Big Read events were well attended and received
- New hire for the Library Technologist Specialist position
- Library Director hiring/interview update
- Concerns and issues regarding the Governor’s state budget cuts that significantly affect library funding, and informational items regarding the 2019 legislative priorities
- Boardmember questions pertaining to the library statistics

- B. Friends of the Homer Library

Chair Peterson provided a report on the last FHL meeting she had attended. There was brief discussion on legacy endowment donations.

- C. Community Survey Update – Verbal Report from Chair Jacque Peterson

Chair Peterson explained her difficulties in trying to get more information on how much it would cost to have a community survey conducted. There was discussion on organizations that provide this service to non-profits. Chair Peterson intends to have more information at the April meeting.

- D. Library Director Hiring Committee Report

Chair Peterson noted that Ms. Dixon had addressed the hiring committee progress in her Library Director report.

Boardmember Kuszmaul arrived at 6:02 pm.

- E. Survey of School Librarian Staff – Verbal Report from Boardmember Kate Finn

Boardmember Finn reported on her findings, with references to the laydown she provided, pertaining to school librarian staff and how students/the public use libraries. There was discussion on the survey results, such as:

- Bringing awareness to rural students what libraries can offer
- Transportation to/from the libraries, especially after school
- Providing more teen-friendly books or resources
- Other targeted populations that could be tapped for more information through additional surveys, e.g. homeschooled students or parents
- Events that would allow students to leave with their own library card
- Reaching out to the Kenai Peninsula Borough District on allowing students to apply for a library card when they register for school

Student Representative Benedetti left at 6:21 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. LAB Bylaw Amendments
 - i. DRAFT 2019 Library Advisory Board Bylaws

Chair Peterson deferred to Deputy City Clerk Tussey to provide a recap of the amendments made at the last meeting and any additional changes recommended by the City Clerk's Office. Ms. Tussey reviewed the bylaws section-by-section with the boardmembers and held discussion/answered questions on the proposed amendments.

FAIR/MASSION MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS, AND RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BYLAWS BY WAY OF RESOLUTION.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: YES: MASSION, KUSZMAUL, PETERSON, FAIR, FINN, SCHMIDT

Motion carried.

- B. LAB Orientation Packet
 - i. Draft Orientation Packet Sections

Boardmember Kuszmaul and Deputy City Clerk Tussey provided an overview on the listed orientation packet materials and gathered feedback from the board on what kind of information would be relevant or helpful to a new LAB member. Ms. Tussey clarified how staff would maintain the contents and the packets would be distributed to new members.

FAIR/SCHMIDT MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTENT OF THE PACKET AND DIRECT STAFF TO COMPLETE THE PACKET, AND THEN SHARE IT WITH THE LAB AS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM AT A LATER MEETING.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Alaska Library Association Advocacy Resources
 - i. Alaska Library Association – Legislative Priorities
- B. American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights

C. Boardmember Attendance at 2019 City Council Meetings

Chair Peterson noted the informational items in the packet. Library Director Dixon commented on the Alaska Library Association resources and suggested boardmembers should sign up for the advocacy resources.

Boardmember Massion shared his willingness to continue attending the City Council meetings.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Deputy City Clerk Tussey thanked the board for working with her on the bylaw amendments. She also reminded the board of an Open Meetings Act Brown Bag Lunch training on March 12th that is open to all commissioners and boardmembers.

Library Director Dixon had no further comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Peterson reminded the board on upcoming reappointments, and to reach out to her if they would like to discuss it in a less public setting.

COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

Boardmember Finn shared a few library podcasts that she had been listening to.

Boardmember Fair commented on the successes of the Big Read event.

Boardmember Kuszmaul commented on radio/streaming programs she heard.

Boardmember Schmidt also shared his comments on the library-related podcasts.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RACHEL TUSSEY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

Approved: _____