

1. CALL TO ORDER

Session 23-05, a Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Kate Finn at 5:30 p.m. on May 16, 2023 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS ASSELIN, BAILY, CARSSOW, FAIR, FINN, KUSZMAUL, MCKINNEY

STAFF: LIBRARY DIRECTOR BERRY, CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

MCKINNEY/BAILY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA (3 minute time limit)

4. RECONSIDERATION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. Unapproved April 18, 2023 LAB Minutes

KUSZMAUL/FAIR MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

6. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS

6.A. Cinda Nofziger, Youth Services Librarian, regarding the Teen Advisory Board

Youth Services Librarian Cinda Nofziger presented on the Teen Advisory Board that started meeting February 2022. She explained their meeting schedule, noting that they take a break over the summer, and there are teen events planned through the Summer Reading Program. The group helps plan events for teens and tweens, monthly game sessions, crafts, book talk, or another activities, and those events have had good attendance.

There was discussion that the Teen Advisory Board is primarily made up of middle school aged youth and benefits of it filling a gap for that age group who don't have jobs or transportation, and about the Summer Reading program.

7. STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.A. Library Director Report
Director's Report for April 2023
2022 Annual Stats
2023 Annual Stats

Library Director Berry reviewed his report in the packet.

There was brief discussion regarding virtual book talks and library statistics provided in the packet and supplemental packet.

- 7.B. Legislative Update

Chair Finn reported \$402,000 was put back in the Governor's budget for statewide library funding. Senator Murkowski indicated willingness to add an earmark to try to get a one-time \$500,000 allocation to fund the Statewide Library Electronic Doorway (SLED) Program and Alaska Library Catalog funded in the Federal budget, but there doesn't appear to be any legislation that it will fit with.

- 7.C. Fundraising Update
Quarterly Report from the Homer Foundation

Board Member Kuszmaul provided an overview of the Library Endowment Fund, how it was established, and reviewed the quarterly report provided by the Homer Foundation.

Board Member Kuszmaul also reported Moose Run Metalsmith's have repaired their stamping machine and can install fish from previous years on the Fish Wall. They're working to re-invigorate the Fish Wall program.

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

9. PENDING BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.A. Review of Library Policies
Memorandum LAB 23-007

Library Director Berry reviewed his memorandum in the packet and in the supplemental packet.

Board Members and the Library Director discussed the following:

- Public Displays and process for approval

- Table of Contents layout
- Alternate language for the word “complaints” in the section titled Complaints
- Processing complaints
- Overall policy layout and organization of sections

Library Director Berry encouraged members to email him their regarding their policy suggestions.

10.B. June Work Session Scheduling

The Board Members discussed scheduling and agreed by consensus to hold a work session on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Library Director Berry asked members to email their comments by the end of June.

11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

11.A. LAB Meeting & City Council Report Calendar

Board Member Baily confirmed he’s available to report at the May 22nd Council meeting.

11.B. Homer Harbor Expansion Design Charrette Flyer

12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE (3 minute time limit)

13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

City Clerk Jacobsen thanked the Board for a good meeting.

Library Director Berry encouraged members to contact him if they have questions on the draft library policy document.

14. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

Board Members Fair and Carsow had no comments.

Board Member Asselin commented on a successful Safe and Healthy Kids Fair and said over 300 kids attended.

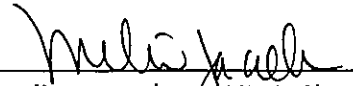
Board Member McKinney thanked Library Director for all the work on the draft policy.

Board Members Baily and Kuzmaul concurred.

Chair Finn noted the information she provided in the supplemental packet regarding the top 13 most challenged books of 2022 and suggested them for summer reading. She wished everyone a good summer.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board Chair Finn adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.



Melissa Jacobson, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: August 15, 2023