



# City of Tualatin

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## LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 14, 2012

Present: Committee Member Victoria King  
Committee Member Sean Neary  
Committee Chair Len Runion  
Committee Member Thea Wood  
Committee Member Marcus Young

Absent: Committee Member Janiel Santos

Public: Brenda Bajdek-Slowski, Tualatin Library Foundation

Staff: Abigail Elder, Library Manager

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Len Runion called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. The meeting was held in the Juanita Pohl Center Multipurpose Room.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Thea Wood moved and Sean Neary seconded that the minutes be approved as written.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 **Chair:** Chair Len Runion asked if the City was providing any updates on the Kmart property. Kmart will be closing this fall, likely in October.

Michael's will remain. It will remain a commercial space, but there is no news on what stores might move into that space, but the developer is in negotiations with the City.

3.2 **Staff:** Library Manager Abigail Elder announced that the Library has hired Sam Wikstrom as the new children's librarian. Mala Vyas has accepted the grant-funded program specialist position. The Library participated in the Crawfish Festival and parade—the library craft booth was especially popular. The City has hired Matt Saviello as the new Juanita Pohl Center supervisor.

3.3 **Public:** Brenda Bajdek-Slowski briefly introduced herself and noted she is attending the meeting to speak during new business.



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## 4. **OLD BUSINESS**

**4.1 Confidentiality Policy:** Oregon law allows libraries to have policies that maintain confidentiality of information in the library's records. Victoria King moved, and Thea Wood seconded, that TLAC reaffirms the policy as currently written.

## 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Tualatin Library Foundation:** Brenda Bajdek-Slomski provided an overview of the Foundation, which seeks to secure resources to preserve and expand library services for the community. The Foundation was created in 2008, and seeks to create an endowment of at least \$1 million for the library's long term needs. The Foundation's signature event is the Vine2Wine tasting and education night in April.

**5.2 Smoke Free Library** Abigail Elder noted that the state law prohibits smoking within 10 feet from any library doorway, or any "intake area" such as a window that opens or vent. She asked if TLAC would like to pursue making the library parking lot and plaza area smoke free. TLAC members questioned whether the library could be smoke-free while the adjoining section and other city buildings had different rules. TLAC recommended that other city departments be consulted to see if there was interest in extending smoke-free areas to all city buildings.

**5.3 Library Lobby Space Study** TLAC members suggested groups that should be consulted in the upcoming study of the lobby space: library staff, friends, foundation, families that frequent the library, past café vendors, potential café vendors, and the teen library committee were all suggested. The library should also offer survey options, especially to families immediately after storytime.

## 6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**6.1** TLAC Members asked why the City was watering plants and landscaping at 5:30 PM when it advises residents to limit watering times to early morning and evenings during the summer.

## 7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**7.1** Centennial Art

**7.2** Friends of the Library



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8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m, followed by a tour of the newly remodeled Juanita Pohl Center.

\_\_\_\_\_, Abigail Elder, Recording  
Secretary