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LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 3, 2012

Present: Committee Chair Len Runion
Committee Member Janiel Santos
Committee Member Thea Wood
Committee Member Marcus Young

Absent: Committee Member Victoria King
Committee Member Sean Neary

Staff: Abigail Elder, Library Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Len Runion called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 By email, Victoria King noted that the last sentence about TLAC appointments seemed contradictory and that it be struck. With that correction, Thea Wood moved and Marcus Young seconded that the minutes be approved.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Chair: Chair Len Runion commented that the new city website looks cleaner and easier to navigate. Others mentioned that it took a while to find the TLAC packet because the link sent did not go directly to the monthly TLAC page.

3.2 Staff: Library Manager Abigail Elder announced that the Library has hired a new children's librarian, who will be begin at the end of July. The grant funded position recruitment has closed, and interviews will begin soon. The library is currently advertising for new part-time page positions.

The volunteer-run Aloha Community Library received a grant to provide a summer reading program, while the Hillsboro Library will be remodeling both of their buildings in the next two years.



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The August TLAC meeting coincides with National Night Out. Abigail Elder will poll the TLAC members about possibly meeting on August 14th, so that everyone could attend their neighborhood events.

3.3 Public: No members of the public were present.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Chamber of Commerce Visitors Information: Tualatin Chamber of Commerce received a grant from the Washington County Visitors Association to provide visitor and tourism information. A touchscreen digital monitor has been proposed for the library lobby. The monitor will display the Chamber and/or City websites, but no additional advertising.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Confidentiality Policy: Oregon law allows libraries to have policies that maintain confidentiality of information in the library's records. Library Manager Abigail Elder explained the current policy and asked that TLAC members be prepared to vote on it next month.

5.2 City Website As noted above, TLAC members generally agreed that the new city website is attractive and clean. The top section of the site does not change as one navigates through the pages, which can be confusing.

5.3 City Centennial 2013 will mark the 100th anniversary of the City of Tualatin. The City will be planning a number of events and commemorations, including the commission of artwork for the library.

5.4 Library-Hospital Partnership Legacy Meridian Hospital has closed their consumer health library, and offered the holdings to Tualatin Library. The Hospital has also agreed to donate funds to buy more health books in the future, and to provide some health-related programs in the Library.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6.1 TLAC Member Janiel Santos noted that the Tualatin Library Committee is losing seven members, and will be recruiting for additional members this fall. Eighth graders will be allowed to apply.

6.2 TLAC Member Thea Wood asked about RFID tagging. The library is over 80% tagged. Library patrons are using the self-checks and credit card



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payments with few problems. The RFID gates were turned on at the end of May, and should provide reports for the month of June.

6.3 TLAC members asked if the Oregonian has a reporter assigned to the Tualatin area. It appears that very few Tualatin-related articles have been in the newspaper lately.

6.4 TLAC members noted that grand opening of the Gateway art feature last week. The art is very nice, but there is little contrast between the trees and the geese, which makes it hard to see. Also, there is no way to walk up to the piece—it can only be viewed by motorists.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Feasibility Study for the Library Lobby- Café Space

7.2 Centennial Art

7.3 Library Foundation

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

_____, Abigail Elder, Recording
Secretary