



## MEETING NOTICE

### TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 1, 2022 - 6:00 PM

#### Virtual Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83855864189>

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 4, 2022

#### C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chair
2. Staff
3. Teen Library Committee
4. Public

#### D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Strategic Planning

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

1. TLAC Annual Report

#### F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### H. ADJOURNMENT

All meetings of the Committee are open to the public. This meeting location is accessible to person with disabilities. To request accommodations, please contact Jerianne Thompson, Library Director, at [jthompson@tualatin.gov](mailto:jthompson@tualatin.gov) or 503-691-3063 at least 36 hours prior to the meeting.

For those wishing to provide comment during the meeting, there is one opportunity on the agenda: Public Communications. Written statements may be sent in advance to Library Director Jerianne Thompson no later than 5pm on February 1, 2022.



## TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 4, 2022

Present: Alan Feinstein, Katherine Kang, Dana Paulino, Thea Wood, Marcus Young

Absent: Ashley Payne, Nicholas Schiller

Public:

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Thea Wood called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January meeting minutes were approved by the unanimous consent of present committee members.

**C. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Chair:** None.

**2. Staff:** Jerianne Thompson reported that the Library has hired Karen Rangel as a half-time Library Assistant and will soon be recruiting for a full-time Library Assistant. The Library plans to offer free tax preparation services provided by AARP volunteers, and WCCLS will relaunch the Cultural Pass program this summer. The Library was closed for inclement weather on December 26. Thompson shared recent statistics.

**3. Teen Library Committee:** Katherine Kang reported that TLC has been discussing leadership, empathy, and intellectual freedom at their recent meetings. TLC plans to continue programs virtually for the time being.

**4. Public:** None.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Strategic Planning:** Jerianne Thompson presented a summary of the public and staff outreach conducted in support of updating the strategic plan, including results of the library user survey, nine community interviews, three focus groups, and a SOAR analysis (strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results) conducted with staff. Committee members identified themes and needs from the results: improving marketing to diverse communities, increasing bilingual staff and print

communications, returning to in-person programs, and supporting community connection. Thompson said that Library staff will also review the results this month and will create draft strategic priorities.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Tualatin Area Ice Age Floods Foundation:** Jerianne Thompson presented information about a new nonprofit in Tualatin formed to promote the history of the Ice Age Floods and the impacts of those floods in our region. Foundation members hope to create a visitors center in Tualatin; the Library is serving as an interim visitors center until then. The foundation has created an informational video, describing Tualatin as the crossroads of the Ice Age Floods.

**F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. TLAC Annual Report**

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**1. Members:** None.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_, Jerianne Thompson, Recording Secretary

## Latino Focus Group - Summary

- Opening question: Think about how you would describe Tualatin Library to a friend or neighbor. What words come to mind to describe the library?
  - o Accessible/space/books
  - o Nice (environment)
  - o Hospitable & Welcoming – to Latino community
  - o Safe (safe space)
  - o Friendly – to Latino community
  
- What are some issues in our town that have a direct effect on Latino families that the library should know about?
  - o Learning languages
  - o Access to council meetings
  - o Representation in council meeting
  - o Communication to the Latino community
    - Library Facebook Spanish
    - Spanish library website
  
- What are the library's strengths or best features?
  - o Spanish signage
  - o Offering a space for meetings
  - o Having a Spanish collection
  
- What does the library need to improve on?
  - o Better communication with the Latino community
  - o Better/ more promotion on Somos Tualatin
  - o Offering more programs in Spanish;
    - English learning
    - Family nights- interaction with books programming
    - Music learning/Programming
    - Loteria mornings or playdate times for families to come and hang out and talk.
    - Library outreach and community visits
    - Volunteer child care
  
- How can we best inform you about library programs and services?
  - o Facebook is the best way for communication
  - o SOMOS Tualatin & the Pili Facebook group also a great way to connect
  - o A Spanish library Facebook page
  - o Going to apartments and hand out/post flyers
  
- What do you view as the role of the library in the community?
  - o To educate community
  - o Provide information (information base)

- Distraction
  - A place to be/belong
  - Safe space
- What do you think the library should do more of in the future?
- Purchase more books in Spanish
  - Provide more programming in Spanish
  - Better promote non Spanish programming for families to take advantage

## TLAC ANNUAL REPORT – DRAFT NOTES

In 2021, TLAC:

- Heard presentations/reports from: Teen Library Committee, Native Land and People Acknowledgement Task Force, Tualatin Ice Age Floods Foundation, Friends of Tualatin Library, and Tualatin Library Foundation.
- Considered & provided recommendations on: several operational policies, including Distribution of Free Materials, Self-Reported Theft, Makerspace Use, Meeting Room Use, and Public Use of Exhibit Space.
- Provided comments and advice regarding: library operations during the Covid-19 pandemic; reopening the library after the pandemic closure; development and implementation of makerspace programs and services; operating hours; intellectual freedom; library user survey; Summer Reading; food in the library, library facilities; library budget; and library utilization trends.
- Participated in update to the Library strategic plan, including review and discussion of community engagement and draft strategic priorities.
  - Highlighted strategic accomplishments from the past year include:
    - Registered 3000+ Tualatin students for new student library cards, in partnership with TTSD
    - Constructed and opened Makerspace; introduced new maker programming
    - Received ARPA grant for \$13,500 to connect Latino residents with reading material and library resources
    - Distributed approximately 15,000 take-home activity kits, connecting patrons with opportunities for creativity, science learning, and more.

In 2022, TLAC will:

- Remain actively involved in providing citizen feedback on implementation of the Library's new strategic plan.
- Continue to be actively involved and educated in the operations and roles of the library. Continue review of operational policies, including an update to Library Rules.
- Advance Council vision, supporting social equity and inclusion within Library programs and services, providing opportunity to thrive for all community members.