

LARKSPUR LIBRARY BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting- October 13, 2014

Roll Call: Present: Chair Michelle Melka, Joan Foley, Jeff Gunderson
Absent: Noel Shumway
Staff: Librarian Teresa Capasso

Chair Melka called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

Approval of Consent Calendar

The Library Director certifies that this Agenda has been posted in accordance with the requirements of the Government Code

Approval of Minutes as Submitted: Regular Meeting, September 8, 2014

M/s, Foley-Gunderson and approved 3-0 (Shumway absent) to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

BOARDMEMBERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS

There were no reports.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORT

Librarian Capasso reported on the following: 1) Library and City Hall Facility; 2) Library Programs; 3) MARINet Library Consortium Update; 4) Miscellaneous.

Boardmember Foley asked about the City's hiring of Ms. Julia Treppa of the firm Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP. Chair Melka stated she was an attorney helping with the filing of the 501(c)(3) non-profit paperwork. Boardmember Foley had questions about the Capital Campaign Coordinator position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Report on Updates from September 19th Larkspur Library & Community Center (LLCC) Project Planning Group Meeting

Chair Melka stated things were moving forward with the formation of the non-profit organization and the hiring of the Capital Campaign Coordinator. There is a lot of meaningful progress being made.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Report on Interviews of Prospective Architectural Firms (3) for the Community Facility Parcel Schematic Design

Boardmember Gunderson stated he attended the Council meeting where the following three firms were interviewed: Group 4, LMS Architects, Siegel and Strain. He stated each presentation was very impressive. He distributed a copy of each proposal. He stated LMS Architects did the new North Beach Library which was a fairly contentious process.

Boardmember Gunderson stated Group 4, the firm that prepared the study last year, seemed to understand the environment and talked about a lot of positive things- invisible technology, flexibility, etc. They also had a very good understanding of the fundraising aspect. However, they seemed to talk a lot about a “community center” as opposed to a “library”.

Chair Melka stated the designs by Siegel and Strain were beautiful. Boardmember Gunderson stated they designed the new library in Yountville and Mill Valley. Their presentation was very mild-mannered, straightforward, and honest. Chair Melka stated they would be a very good fit for Larkspur. Librarian Capasso noted their designs are wonderful and emphasize air and light. Chair Melka referred to one of the designs and stated having different buildings in one space was a creative use of space. Boardmember Gunderson stated they talked about a “place for chance encounters” and “the commons”. They walked around Larkspur for three days to get a feel for the flow of the community. They talked about the main entry (from the Lucky’s parking lot) to the library and how there was no “rear” to the building. There were architecturally thoughtful.

Chair Melka asked if the firms talked about costs. Boardmember Gunderson stated “no”.

Boardmember Foley asked when the Council would be choosing a firm. Boardmember Gunderson stated they might be discussing it this week. He stated he asked Library Director Gordon how the Board could express his or her opinion about the firms to the Council. She told him they could send an email or write a letter.

STATUS REPORTS:

1. Reports from the Library's Support Groups (Friends, Foundation, and Steering Committee)

Librarian Capasso stated the Friends donated funds for the new chairs in the Library. Boardmember Gunderson stated they look great.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Melka stated the following items would be on the next agenda: 1) Report on updates from the Larkspur Library and Community Center (LLCC) Planning Group

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Melka stated the next meeting would be held on Monday, November 10, 2014. The meeting would start at 6:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Melka adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Toni DeFrancis
Recording Secretary