

Astoria Library Board Meeting

Astoria Public Library

May 24, 2016

5:30 pm.

Present: Library Board members Kate Summers, David Oser, Susan Stein, and Chris Womack. Staff Library Director Jane Tucker, Community Development Director Kevin Cronin, and ALFA Representative Steve Emmons.

Excused: Kimberley Chaput

Call to Order: Chair Kate Summers called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved with the addition of Old Business Item 9 (b): Library Director search update.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 26, 2016 were approved as presented.

Library Options:

Director Cronin updated the Board on the Library Open House and Library Board/City Council Work Session scheduled for May 25th. He and Board members shared the methods they used to publicize the meetings to the public, City boards and commissions, and interest groups. He encouraged the Board to arrive as early as 4:00 pm to help set up for the open house and mingle with library patrons. The eight stations will include a registration table, library table, and tables for each of the six library options. Comments will be collected through sticky notes and survey cards. Staff did not anticipate many Councilors would attend the open house due to scheduling conflicts. The work session will be informal and the Mayor will decide if public comments will be taken. Director Cronin hoped the meetings would give City Council all of the information they needed to make a decision. He encouraged the Board to share their opinions with Council.

The Board and Staff discussed next steps, which would include a formal recommendation by the Board to City Council before their meeting on July 5th, when Council will begin to deliberate on the library options. They also discussed ways to encourage the public to continue to submit comments after the open house and work session.

Board Reports:

Item 5(a): Reports of Community Presentations

David Oser suggested the Board organize some community presentations in the fall after some decisions have been made.

Library Director's Report:

Director Tucker reported on the following:

- The open house and work session would be her last meeting with the Board.
- Laura Meeker is moving and Staff will be making an offer to a potential replacement soon.
- Libraries ROCC raised more than \$6,000 at their fundraiser in April. The Oregon Community Foundation awarded ROCC with a \$12,000 grant, which will be presented at the summer reading kick-off on June 18th at the Astoria Library. She would continue to volunteer for the program after she retires.

Update on ALFA Activities:

Steve Emmons reported that ALFA's next board meeting was scheduled for June 28th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Flag Room of the library. He invited anyone interested in serving on the board to attend the meeting, as they would be increasing the number of board positions from six to eight.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

Item 9(a): May 25th Special Meeting

The Board confirmed they had no questions or comments, as Director Cronin's presentation was very complete.

Item 9(b): Library Director search update

Director Tucker said applications were being reviewed by the City Manager and Staff was considering an existing Staff member as an interim manager. The Board briefly discussed their involvement in the hiring process. Director Tucker added that 31 applications were received from some great people with a lot of talent. She described the duties of the interim manager, who would meet with the Board in June.

Public Comments:

Joyce Bensen thanked Director Tucker for her service. She believed Director Tucker has done a lot for the community. She also believed 31 applicants was a huge pool of candidates for this community and was shocked that the City received so many.

Director Tucker believed the brochure did a good job of attracting well-qualified applicants.

Mr. Oser announced Director Tucker's retirement party was scheduled for Thursday, May 26th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

Meet the interim manager and develop a formal recommendation to City Council on the library options.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm [07 1:50].

Respectfully submitted,

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