

MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To review and approval of the Library Board of Trustees Statement related to the events of George Floyd’s death and protests.

DATE OF MEETING: June 11, 2020

LOCATION: Meeting held via Skype.

NOTICE: This virtual meeting of the Appointments Committee was held pursuant to and in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3708.2 and state and local legislation adopted to allow for continued government operation during the COVID-19 declared emergency. All participating members of the Library Board of Trustees were present at this meeting through electronic means. All members of the public may view this video of this meeting on the City’s website at www.fallschurchva.gov/CouncilMeetings.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Ms. Claudia Gutierrez at 7:00 PM

THOSE PRESENT:

Library Board Members

- Ms. Stephanie Oppenheimer ✓
- Mr. Jeff Peterson ✓
- Mr. Chet De Long ✓
- Ms. Molly Novotny ✓
- Mr. Don Camp ✓
- Ms. Chrystie Swiney ✓
- Ms. Kathleen Tysse ✓

OTHERS PRESENT: Library Director Jenny and Senior Administrative Assistant Claudia Gutierrez

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. DeLong and seconded by Mr. Camp, the Resolution of the Statement was adopted to be discussed by the Library Board.

- The Board discussed the content of the statement and emphasized the importance of having diversity and inclusivity in the Community.
- The library website will include a web page with the Board’s and the Director’s statement regarding the death of Mr. George Floyd and subsequent events. It will also provide resources related to anti-racism.
- Once the Board approves the statement, Susan Finarelli, Director of Communications, will release it in the Falls Church Focus Newsletter and to the Falls Church News Press. It will be posted on the library’s website and included in the weekly Library Newsletter.

- After a discussion on the content of the statement, the Board approved it as amended.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. DeLong and seconded by Mr. Camp, the Library Board approved the revised edition of the statement.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Stephanie Oppenheimer **AYE**

Mr. Jeff Peterson **AYE**

Mr. Chet De Long **AYE**

Ms. Molly Novotny **AYE**

Mr. Don Camp **AYE**

Ms. Chrystie Swiney **AYE**

Ms. Kathleen Tysse **AYE**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Carroll
Library Director

Approved:

Stephanie Oppenheimer, Chairperson

Copies: Board of Trustees, City Manager, Library Reference Desk, Staff Bulletin Board, City Clerk, Library Web Page

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