

MINUTES OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Library Board Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: July 29, 2020

LOCATION: Meeting held via Skype.

NOTICE: This virtual meeting of the Library Board of Trustees 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/362/Library-Board-of-Trustees

1.- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Stephanie Oppenheimer at 7:00 PM

THOSE PRESENT:

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| <p><u>Library Board Members</u></p> <p>Ms. Stephanie Oppenheimer: <u>✓</u> Mr. Jeff Peterson: <u>✓</u> Mr. Chet De Long: <u>✓</u> Ms. Molly Novotny: <u>✓</u> Mr. Don Camp: <u>✓</u> Ms. Kathleen Tysse: <u>✓</u> Ms. Chrystie Swiney: <u>Absent excused</u></p> |
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OTHERS PRESENT: City Principal Planner and West Falls Project Manager Carly Aubrey, Ms. Amy Friedlander from the EYA Development LLC in partnership with the Falls Church Gateway Partners Development LLC, City Project Manager Lionel Millard, Library Director Jenny Carroll, and Senior Administrative Assistant Claudia Gutierrez.

Item # 10 (West Falls Church Economic Development Project Presentation) was moved up in the agenda to the start of the meeting.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

2.- WEST FALLS CHURCH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PRESENTATION

- PM Aubrey and Ms. Friedlander presented proposed amended renderings of the West Falls Phase 1 Project.
- Comments from the public and Boards and Commissions will be received until July 31; comments would go before Council on August 10th. The approval for this project is expected by early 2021.
- This project will provide some non-monetary voluntary concessions. The land lease payments will go into the City's general fund with the primary goal to pay for the bonds.
- The presentation included the 40 acres of the West Falls development with affordable apartment buildings, condominiums, a hotel, a grocery store, a senior building, offices, civic spaces, retail, an educational music center and parking. It will also include outdoor areas for people to gather, larger events, kiosks, seating areas, and public art. There will be a connection across the development between the Metro station and Route 7. Updated information about the project can be found at www.fallschurchva.gov/wfc

3.- RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

- Sally Ekfelt, member of the CBC Youth Representative Initiative Committee, contacted Ms. Oppenheimer requesting interviewers for the 48 student applicants. Ms. Ekfelt also asked if the Library Board would consider taking additional student representatives and if the Board will be meeting virtually or in person in the Fall. The Board decided to accept two students, they will review the overview that CBC will provide to make sure there is a mutual benefit for both the Board and the students. Ms. Oppenheimer will respond to Ms. Ekfelt about the Board's decision. If any Board member is interested in being an interviewer, they can contact Ms. Oppenheimer.

4.- APPROVAL OF JUNE 11, 2020 VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Director pointed out that the new format used for the Board minutes was provided by the City Clerk.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Camp and seconded by Ms. Novotny, the Library Board approved the June 11, 2020 Virtual Special Meeting Minutes with minor changes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Stephanie Oppenheimer **AYE**
 Mr. Chet De Long **YES**
 Ms. Kathleen Tysse **YES**
 Mr. Don Camp **YES**
 Ms. Molly Novotny **AYE**
 Mr. Jeff Peterson **AYE**

5.- APPROVAL OF JUNE 17, 2020 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. DeLong and seconded by Mr. Camp, the Library Board approved the June 17, 2020 Virtual Meeting Minutes with minor changes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Stephanie Oppenheimer AYE

Mr. Chet De Long YES

Ms. Kathleen Tysse YES

Mr. Don Camp YES

Ms. Molly Novotny AYE

Mr. Jeff Peterson AYE

6.- LIBRARY REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Under Social Justice & Racial Equality, the library will present a virtual program - Community Conversations: Police Reform on August 5 at 7pm. The format is a panel discussion with Q&A to follow. The panel includes City of Falls Church Chief of Police Mary Gavin, Human Resources Director Steve Mason and the President of the Fairfax County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Sean Perryman.
- Curbside service update: Since this service started, it has provided a total of 2,269 transactions with an average of 65 to 70 per day. The month of June was outstanding for number of reserves placed for a total of 3,915.
- Virtual Summer Reading Program supported by Beanstack is still going on. A total of 875 participants signed up including children, adults and City employees. When children or teens complete their reading challenge, they choose a book from a set list of titles for their prize which is then delivered through curbside service.
- On Monday July 27, the library project Furniture Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) contract with Liberty Systems was presented to Council and approved.
- The City's firearms ordinance was approved on its first reading; the second reading will be presented on August 10 with a public hearing. The Director thanked Ms. Tysse for participating in the Gun Legislation Working Group who put forward information to Chief Gavin. Chief Gavin and City Attorney Carol McCoskrie assembled the ordinance. Ms. Tysse encouraged the Board and the public to use their voices to support this legislation. The Board presented a statement requesting banning guns in the library which was included in the City of Falls Church Legislative Agenda in January. Ms. Tysse will write a letter on behalf of the Board to City Council reiterating the Board's position supporting the ban of weapons and guns in the library. The Board will review by email, the Director will make necessary

changes, and will provide it to Ms. Oppenheimer for signature. The Director will submit to City Council.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. DeLong and seconded by Mr. Camp, the Library Board continues to support the gun legislation as a critical issue for the library and they repeated their statement of support.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Stephanie Oppenheimer **AYE**

Mr. Chet De Long **YES**

Ms. Kathleen Tysse **YES**

Mr. Don Camp **YES**

Ms. Molly Novotny **YES**

Mr. Jeff Peterson **YES**

7.- LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

- The tour date should be in the next two weeks after the slab on grade is poured and the site is less-congested and safer for visitors.
- Despite the rainfall, the project is still on schedule. There were 3-4 days of rain last week.
- The structural steel C channel columns and lintels have been completed along with the demolition from Barco. There are huge openings for free egress pass-throughs on the side of the building on Virginia Avenue.
- The elevator pit foundation and first floor walls were poured.
- The new stairwell area into the lower area has been cut out and will be finished soon.
- Spread and strip footings for the new addition area are 80 % completed. There are two courses of block up (walls being set).
- There is some substantial progress on the framing of the interior area in the lower and main level including the small meeting room areas, local history room, and the medium meeting room.
- Harris Mechanical, who is a subcontractor, started the new duct work.
- Structural steel work will start by the end of August.
- The City received NVTG grants one of which is to update Park Avenue including utility undergrounding. Ms. Oppenheimer asked if that included the post in front of

the library. Mr. Millard stated that Dominion would be responsible for relocating poles as part of the library project if that was desired (according to Ms. Mester). If the poles are not relocated during the library project, the utilities would be undergrounded as part of the NVTC grant.

7.- LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

- Don Camp, Foundation member, informed the Board that the Foundation continues to receive donations and recently received a \$1,500 donation from a regular donor. The Foundation quarterly meeting will be held in August and work will start on the annual solicitation. They will be discussing the Chet DeLong Award for the staff of the year, and the awardee will be announced in the Fall.

8.- COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

- No report

9.- ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL REPORT

- No report

11.- DRAFT 2020-2024 FIVE YEAR PLAN

- The Board discussed the Five Year Plan and amended the plan to include a statement about working on incorporating diversity into the document including the mission, vision, assumptions, and goals.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. DeLong and seconded by Mr. Camp, the Library Board unanimously approved the 2020-2024 Five Year Plan as discussed and amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Stephanie Oppenheimer **AYE**

Mr. Chet De Long **YES**

Ms. Kathleen Tysse **YES**

Mr. Don Camp **YES**

Ms. Molly Novotny **YES**

Mr. Jeff Peterson **YES**

12.- DRAFT FY20 LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

- The Board made changes and were pleased with the new infographics look and content of the report. The Director pointed out that despite the library being closed

during the moving into the temporary location and the start of COVID-19, the circulation of the library materials was over 366,000, which is a very healthy circulation rate. She will present the Annual report to Council on August 10 including the statistical charts.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. DeLong [Don Camp argued that it didn't need a motion] the Library Board unanimously approved the Annual Report as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Stephanie Oppenheimer **AYE**

Mr. Chet De Long **YES**

Ms. Kathleen Tysse **YES**

Mr. Don Camp **YES**

Ms. Molly Novotny **YES**

Mr. Jeff Peterson **YES**

13.- BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Next Board meeting is on for August 19.
- The Library Director was appointed as the director representative to the Firearms Committee.
- The replacement for Mr. DeLong is still pending.
- Mr. Peterson will send an email to the library Director with questions regarding the land lease payments distribution for the West Falls project. The Director will direct it to the appropriate person.

14.- ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. DeLong seconded by Ms. Tysse, the Library Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 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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