

*Library Commission approved minutes as presented on October
19, 2021.*

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Pamela Bailey, Chair, called the meeting of the Library Commission to order at 6:30PM on Wednesday September 8, 2021.

Members Present: Pamela Bailey, Chair; Kathleen Poulsen, Vice Chair; Hattie Krebsbach, Elizabeth Beechwood, Valyrie Ingram, Morgan Knapp, Sam Ruder (student representative)

Members Absent: Kirsten Beier (excused)

Staff: Colleen Winters, Library Director

Council Liaison: Mayor Truax

Others: None

- 2) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- 3) **CONSENT AGENDA:** Hattie Krebsbach moved, seconded by Sam Ruder, to approve the June 9, 2021 minutes as amended. **MOTION CARRIED** by all.

- 4) **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:** None

- 5) **DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:**

- a) **LIBRARY PLANNING:**

All services are at the same level as before, except that the Summer Reading Program is completed, with no plans to change services in the near future. Status quo to be continued. The planning that Library Director, Colleen Winters, is bringing up at this meeting is for longer term planning. City Council will be meeting and having a work session about the levy that will expire in June 2023. This levy will determine future plans for departments and budgets. It is safe to assume that the next 5-7 years will need services in the building as well as outside of the building with partnerships and outreach with other community organizations. Future planning by staff will include looking back at what has been successful in the past and building on that in the coming years.

- 6) **B/C COMMUNICATIONS:**

Sam Ruder reported that the Teen Library Council is working on a podcast. The first episode should be out in about a month.

7) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Colleen Winters reported these items:

- a) Director's Report – Acclaimed Portland author, Omar El Akkad will be interviewed by librarian Bob Abbey on October 12th; librarian Nathan Jones secured a NASA grant for \$1500 for fall programming for children focused on NASA, WCCLS funds distribution agreement needs to be revisited and the Washington County Board of Commissioners will look into this.
- b) Friends of the Library – No physical book sale will happen this year but online sales remain excellent due to donations from patrons. The Friends will add a second cart of used books for sale inside of the library.
- c) The Library Foundation of Forest Grove – There haven't been any meetings lately. Long-time Board Member, Betsy Foster, is leaving the Foundation.

8) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Mayor Peter Truax shared comments about the recent activities of the Forest Grove City Council:

- a) There is concern about the homelessness issue in Forest Grove and the Council is discussing this.
- b) The Youth Advisory Commission to the Mayor was on hold but will try to get that going again in the future.
- c) A Communications Plan is being devised by the City.
- d) Due to the 2020 Census results, Oregon will get a 6th member to the House of Representatives. County Commission areas will also shift due to population changes.

9) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

Commissioners decided that the next meeting will be October 19, 2021 at 6:30PM.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Bailey adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Colleen Winters, Library Director
Elizabeth Beechwood, Secretary