

Library Commission approved minutes as amended on January 12, 2022.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Pamela Bailey, Chair, called the meeting of the Library Commission to order at 6:30PM on Thursday, December 9, 2021

Members Present: Pamela Bailey, Chair; Kathleen Poulsen, Vice Chair; Hattie Krebsbach, Elizabeth Beechwood, Morgan Knapp, Valyrie Ingram.

Members Absent: Kirsten Beier, unexcused, Sam Ruder (student representative), excused

Staff: Colleen Winters, Library Director

Council Liaison: Mayor Truax

Others: Dana Eytzen – Chair, Public Arts Commission

- 2) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- 3) **CONSENT AGENDA:** Morgan Knapp moved, seconded by Valyrie Ingram, to approve the November 15, 2021 minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by all.

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

- 5) **PRESENTATION: PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**

Dana Eytzen, Chair of the Forest Grove Public Arts Commission announced that a selection for the sculpture that will be placed between the library and the police department has been made. The City's art collection management policy states that the library commission will be consulted about the selection because the statue would be on library property. This installation is one of two public sculptures planned for Forest Grove as part of the Urban Renewal Agency's investment to the arts. This sculpture was submitted by local artist Cat Tweedie and entitled "7 Generations" and is approximately 4 feet tall but will also be on two bases to raise it up higher. It will depict 155 figures holding up one figure to show how many people can be affected in 7 generations and inspired by an Iroquois concept. It will have a bronze finish. Commissioners discussed the Arts Commission's proposal.

By consensus, the Library Commission agreed with the Public Arts Commission's selection regarding the public art statue to be placed between the library and the police department.

6) DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:

a) Patron Access/Commission Research

Several Commissioners submitted their research which was combined into one document and distributed to Commissioners and Mayor Truax. Colleen thanked everyone for their input. Staff will have a vetting process to see if there are ideas they can implement. Commissioners are encouraged to bring more ideas and info anytime.

b) Sesquicentennial

Commissioner Hattie Krebsbach is a member of the Sesquicentennial Committee and reported on that group's plans for 2022. The City's actual birthday is October 5th but celebrations will go on all year round, building on events already happening. There will be a brochure with key events and an insert for each month's additional events. Commissioners and library staff will consider if there are events the library can be involved in.

7) B/C COMMUNICATIONS:

Morgan reported that Pacific University is talking with library staffer, Bob Abbey, about the possibility to have a human library.

8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Colleen Winters reported these items:

- a)** Director's Report – Library staff partnered with Parks & Rec and the Police Department for Holiday in the Grove. 160 people came through for crafts, cookies, music and cocoa. Nathan Jones put in a lot of time on this event. There were 300+ responses to Bob Abbey's survey. There will be a report at our next meeting. The bequest from the Hoodenpyl estate that was going to purchase a van for the library has hit a road block: there are no vans available at this time. Staff will look into other possibilities for getting a van. Colleen also announced that the Commission can now meet in person at the Rogers Room as long as there is a provision for visitors or commissioners to join virtually if they prefer that method.
- b)** Friends of the Library – The Friends met yesterday and are discussing whether or not to have a spring book sale. Online sales continue to be strong.
- c)** The Library Foundation of Forest Grove – No meeting has been held since last month's meeting.

9) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Mayor Peter Truax reported these items:

- a)** Monday's Council meeting will address vacating land on Mountainview Dr at Dougherty Ford because the city does not plan to put the road through.

The Council signed off on an agreement to work with Washington County on changing the intersection at Gales Creek Rd and Thatcher Rd to decrease the speed and to create a crosswalk and sidewalk for students going to Forest Grove High School.

10) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

Commissioners decided that the next meeting will be on January 12, 2022 at 6:30PM.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Colleen Winters, Library Director
Elizabeth Beechwood, Secretary