

**MINUTES
SPECIAL AD HOC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

MARCH 30, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Ann Friederichs at 6:05 p.m. Other members present in person were Ann Friederichs, Kayla Loesch, Alicia LaBeau, Belinda Ludwig, Treasurer/Acting City Administrator, and Megan Brick. Also present via phone were: Beth Voss (left at 7:00 p.m.), Joan Nevitt, Rachel Thomas, GRRL Representative, and Pat Hanson, Advisory Member. Absent was Kateri Gruber, Library Services Coordinator. Also present was Leo Louis.

Motion was made by LaBeau to approve the minutes from the March 2 and March 4, 2020 Ad Hoc Library Development Board meetings. Seconded by Friederichs and unanimously carried.

PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS BOARD

Ludwig reported that the City Property Negotiations Board met earlier today to discuss the former Shopko building with Leo Louis and Steve Peterson, building owners. Louis felt the meeting went very well. He is open to all ideas as to which businesses could move to the Shopko building and possibly the Library going into the City Hall building to keep it downtown. Current options appear to be: move the Library to former Shopko building; move City Hall and Liquor Store to former Shopko building, move Library to current City Hall location, and keep the Police Department where they are; and finally, move City Hall, Police Department and Liquor Store to the former Shopko building and move Library to current City Hall location.

FEEDBACK FROM TOUR OF FORMER SHOPKO BUILDING

Everyone felt the tour went well. Members didn't see any of the building other than the large main area. However, the building appeared to be in good shape.

FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL ON GRANTS

Ludwig reported that the Council gave the Board their blessing to apply for any grants applicable.

FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL OF RELOCATION OF BUSINESSES

Ludwig reported that the Council is open to any and all ideas.

GRANTS – NEVITT

Nevitt reported that she has applied to the Central MN Community Foundation Study Grant for a \$5,000.00 matching grant. She has received positive feedback on the grant application and will continue to research other available avenues.

SURVEY – BRICK AND VOSS

Brick reported that this has been sidetracked a bit by COVID-19, will continue to research ways of reaching the public for feedback.

GRRL REQUIREMENTS – THOMAS

Thomas reported that the GRRL meeting in March was cancelled and their next meeting will be May. They would not approve a move until the City has approved such. They do not see an issue with any potential neighbors as they have libraries now that are located next to restaurants/bars and do not have a problem with this.

DICKHAUSEN OPINION – NEVITT

Dickhausen had questions about the project regarding programming and what financial support would come from the taxpayers and the City. The Board agreed potentially the school could be reached out to, to see if they would contribute to a library as well as Paynesville Township.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Discussion was held on the importance of having a very active Friends of the Library Committee. The current committee has not met or been active in a very long time. Friederichs, Hanson, Loesch, and Brick will work together on coming up with a list of people and calling them to try and get a group of 11 people to commit to being on this committee and forming a 501C Status in order to apply for grants.

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Have the Friends of the Library back up and running.
- Place items on the April 6th Council agenda:
 - Does the City want to continue moving forward with COVID-19?
 - Is the Council interested in moving City Hall, Police Department and/or Liquor Store as the Board feels that is a bit above their position?
- Nevitt will continue to research grant availabilities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting set for Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.