

## **MINUTES AD HOC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**APRIL 20, 2020**

The Ad Hoc Library Development Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Friederichs at 6:15 p.m. There was a little trouble with Zoom. Members present in person were Kayla Loesch, Megan Brick, Alicia LaBeau, City Council Member; and Belinda Ludwig, Treasurer/Acting City Administrator. Also present via Zoom were: Ann Friederichs, Beth Voss, Joan Nevitt, and Kateri Gruber, Library Services Coordinator, Rachel Thomas, GRRL Representative, Pat Hanson, Advisory Member and Shawn Reinke, Alternate Council Member.

**Motion was made by Ludwig to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2020 Ad Hoc Library Development Board. Seconded by LaBeau and unanimously carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Friedrichs asked how the meetings went between the City and the group that purchased the former Shopko building. LaBeau stated no action has been taken.

### **SURVEY RESULTS**

To date there have been 150 respondents to the survey. It seemed to be a good mix of preferring it to stay downtown and to move to the Hwy 23 area. Gruber stated that 25% stated they wanted a larger library, 25% stated they wanted more parking. Thomas stated that 25% stated they would discontinue use if moved from downtown area. Other comments were better accessibility, walkability and safety of location to name a few. The question arose as to whether the old grocery store location would work. The building is not in good shape as it has had a water issue. Thomas reminded the Board that their hours, quantity of computers, books, etc. will not change because of a new location. The only way these items change is if there is a higher use of the library over an average of several years. The City can purchase additional hours if they want. Current open hours at the Paynesville Library is 31 hours per week. Friederichs brought up that the City may want to look at downtown parking which would benefit all business downtown. Friederichs stated there are 35 active businesses in the downtown area. LaBeau stated the Corner Drug location was looked at as a potential parking lot but only gained around 9 spots. There was discussion on how to get the survey better known right away. LaBeau will contact Matt Dickhausen to include it in the "Talk of Paynesville" and Matt Bullard to see how the school could promote it. Ludwig will ask the Mayor if he could include it in his weekly article in the Paynesville Press.

### **PRESS STORY**

Voss stated that there would be a story in the Paynesville Press this week. She will have them include the link for the survey.

## **PAYNESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT GRANT FOR 501C EXPENSES**

Hanson applied for the grant and doesn't expect to hear anything before the end of May. Hanson stated that the Friends of the Library Committee has some money for programming that isn't currently happening due to the stay at home order that might be available to help with 501C costs.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Hanson emailed a list of 12 members right before the meeting. They are hoping to have a meeting within the next couple weeks and they will need to elect officers right away for the 501C application process.

### **GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Close the survey on May 1<sup>st</sup> at noon and get results to members right away to be able to put together the results at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Have an update to the Friends Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting was set for Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and a special meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting for Monday, May 18, 2020 was cancelled.