

LARKSPUR LIBRARY BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting- February 8, 2016

Roll Call: Present: Chair Jeff Gunderson, Joan Foley,
Jeanette Giacomini, Noel Shumway

Absent: Michele Melka

Staff: Acting Library Director Capasso

Chair Gunderson called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The Library Director certifies that this Agenda has been posted in accordance with the requirements of the Government Code

Approval of Minutes as Submitted: Regular Meeting, November 9, 2015

M/s, Foley-Shumway and approved 4-0 (Melka absent) to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

BOARDMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

There were no reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Update on January 20, 2016 Council Meeting re: LLCC

Chair Gunderson stated he watched the televised version of the January 20th Council meeting and gave a brief report on the discussion regarding the status of the Library/Community Facility Project. He discussed the workshops that were held last year in the fall that were facilitated by the Grove Group. The former Council subcommittee consisted of Councilmembers Way and Morrison. The current subcommittee consists of Councilmembers Chu and Hillmer. At the January 20th meeting, Councilmember Hillmer suggested they step back and take a fresh look at the project and look at all ideas/options. Councilmember Foley asked if they were starting at “square one” and looking at the possibility of a pool, etc. Chair Gunderson stated

probably not but they would be looking at the location of the parking, one-story vs. two-story, phasing the project, etc. The City Manager suggested to the Council that all meetings take place during a Council meeting and not in a workshop setting. The task force would have a representative from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Library Board. Chair Gunderson referred to the plans developed last year by LMS Architects and stated there had been a lot of discussion about these plans and he thought they would be tweaked somehow. Boardmember Foley asked if these plans were off the table. Chair Gunderson stated there were some members of the public that thought this was the case but Councilmember Way thought differently. He noted although some members of the public were not happy with the visual impact and massing of the building, as shown in the LMS plans, most people were happy with the programming, footprint, number of meeting rooms, etc. Boardmember Foley stated she would like the staff or Council to reiterate, at a meeting, the items that they have reached consensus on. Chair Gunderson noted one member of the public expressed concern with the size of the building and would like it reduced from 20,000 square feet to around 16,000 square feet. Councilmember Hiller also discussed the possibility of a two-story structure since it might not be as expensive as originally thought. The Council decided to go forward with the staff suggestion that they should be the point group in terms of pushing this forward, along with a representative from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Library Board. They also need to meet with the Rose Garden Homeowners Association, teachers, and other possible stakeholders. Boardmember Foley stated she had hoped that the workshop meetings in the fall focused on the design of the building. This did not happen. Boardmember Shumway stated he is a bit frustrated with the way the process has seemed to digress since he thought some things were already decided.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Library Board Election of Officers- Chair

M/s, Shumway-Giacomini and approved 4-0 (Melka absent) to elect Boardmember Foley as Chair.

M/s, Foley-Shumway and approved 4-0 (Melka absent) to elect Boardmember Giacomini as Vice Chair.

2. Review draft of Board's Annual Letter to City Council

The Board made a few changes to the letter.

STATUS REPORTS:

1. Reports from the Library's Support Groups (Friends, Foundation, and Steering Committee)

There was no report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Foley stated the next meeting would be held on Monday, March 14, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Foley adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Toni DeFrancis
Recording Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Larkspur Library Board.

Teresa Capasso, Acting Library Director