

LARKSPUR LIBRARY BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting- June 8, 2015

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

Absent: Michele Melka

Staff: Library Director Frances Gordon

Chair Gunderson called the meeting to order at 6:17 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, May 11, 2015

M/s, Foley-Giacomini 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. Discuss Updates from Council Workshop (April 30, 2015) and June 3, 2015 City Council Meeting

Boardmembers Foley and Giacomini stated they attended the "site visit" on April 30th but did not attend the meeting in the Hall Middle School Gymnasium. Chair Gunderson and Boardmember Shumway stated they attended both. Chair Gunderson stated the meeting in the gym included a presentation by the architects and then an opportunity for people to view storyboards and ask questions. Boardmember Giacomini asked how many people went to the presentation in the gym. Chair Gunderson stated there were quite a few- perhaps 80 people. There were a lot of comments about massing,

landscaping, etc. Boardmember Shumway stated the different tables had representations of landscaping, exterior materials, the interior layout, how the facility would integrate with the Rose Garden property, etc. He stated the meeting was very well organized.

Boardmember Shumway noted the construction fence was recently removed and he wondered if the developers planned to install another fence.

Boardmember Foley stated most of the concerns that were expressed were about the exterior of the building. Chair Gunderson agreed and stated there were very few comments about the interior. Someone commented about the location of the Library Director's office. Library Director Gordon stated they could certainly put more thought into the location of her office. Boardmember Giacomini stated one of the emails expressed concern about the distance from the entryway to the collections and reading area- it could be difficult for disabled individuals. Library Director Gordon stated they could look into this also. Boardmember Giacomini stated another email discussed landscaping for the facility and how it could be a "learning garden" and a model for drought resistant landscaping. Boardmember Foley stated that was a bit of "the cart before the horse" and they should be focusing on the architecture and the layout of the building.

Chair Gunderson stated this project needs as much public support as possible and he was pleased at the attendance for the April 30th meeting. He noted most of the concerns related to the mass and scale of the building. Boardmember Foley stated the reference to "scale" did not include the building footprint. Library Director Gordon stated the Master Plan indicated the need for a 15,000 square foot library- the proposal is for a 15,000 square foot building including 5,000 square feet of non-assignable space (rest rooms, heating and a/c ducts, electrical components, etc.).

Boardmember Shumway reiterated that the concerns were about the height and mass of the building. Boardmember Foley stated the choice of exterior finishes could dramatically change the look of the building (stucco vs. wood, etc.).

Boardmember Shumway stated it would be helpful if the architects built a model of the building. The Board agreed.

Library Director Gordon stated at the June 3rd meeting the City Council decided to hold several more Town Hall meetings to get more public input. The Council definitely does not want to go backwards in the process. Chair Gunderson agreed that they did not want to go back to "square one". Boardmember Shumway asked how many people were at the June 3rd Council meeting. Library Director Gordon stated about 15 but there were other items on the agenda including the budget.

Boardmember Foley asked when the next advisory meeting would be held. Library Director Gordon stated she would find out at tomorrow morning's staff meeting. She

noted the Council plans to expand the membership of the advisory committee. She will email the Board about the date for the next advisory committee meeting and the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Update Board's Summer Schedule

Boardmembers Foley and Giacomini stated they would not be at the August meeting. Library Director Gordon stated the Board should discuss the summer schedule at the next meeting.

STATUS REPORTS:

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

Library Director Gordon stated at the June 3rd meeting Foundation President Lanctot urged the Council to update the Website in terms of notification of upcoming Council meetings regarding the Library/Community Center Facility. He would also like the City to compile an email list of interested parties. The Board discussed different methods of notification such as installing a sign at the Rose Garden site.

Library Director Gordon stated the Summer Reading Program started today and they have a lot of sign ups.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Gunderson stated the following items would be on the next agenda: 1) Continued Discussion on the Rose Lane Community Facility Parcel; 2) Discuss Summer Schedule and Possible Cancellation of the August Board Meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chair Gunderson stated the next meeting would be held on Monday, July 13, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gunderson adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Toni DeFrancis
Recording Secretary