

Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Great Falls Public Library – Cordingley Room (Basement of the Library)
(Virtual access to meeting was available upon request)
4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Anne Bulger (via zoom), Ms. Jessica Crist, Ms. Sam DeForest, Mr. Brad Eatherly, and Ms. Whitney Olson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Susan Wolff - City of Great Falls Commissioner, Ms. Rae Grulkowski - Cascade County Commissioner

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STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Susie McIntyre, and Mr. Aaron Kueffler

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Jill Baker – GFPL Foundation Director, Ms. Sandy Rice – GFPL Foundation liaison, Jenn Rowell – The Electric, Rich Ecke – Resident of Great Falls, JoAnn Bernard – Resident of Great Falls

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

I. AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Olson asked if anyone had additional items to add or remove from the agenda approval.

Ms. Crist requested that the City proclamation for National Library Week be read before the Agenda approval. Ms. Crist proceeded to read the proclamation.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approve the agenda items as amended. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Olson asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee regarding the consent agenda.

Mr. Kueffler noted changes and Ms. McIntyre answered questions as they were asked.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees approves the consent agenda items with changes. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none she called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

III. DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms. McIntyre presented her Director's report and answered questions as they were asked.

IV. GFPL FOUNDATION REPORT

Ms. Baker's last day will be June 21st. Interviews for her replacement will occur in June.

Ms. Rice informed us that the three openings on the board have been filled, one remains. June 19th will be the election of officers.

The spring newsletter will be available this week; it will focus on the Levy.

Ms. Rice challenged the Library Board for the Upcoming Give Great Falls campaign during May 1st – 5th

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Olson gave an update from the Initiative Committee.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

Pathfinder is on May 4th. Ms. DeForest cannot attend; Ms. Olson will go in her place.

VII. PROPOSALS/COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

No new proposals or comments were given.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

BALLOT INITIATIVE COMMITTEE: MILL LEVY REPORT

Ms. Olson presented an update from the Vote Yes Committee.

MILL LEVY ISSUES AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. McIntyre presented an update. She suggested the library board may need to hold an emergency meeting in May.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees cancel the scheduled May meeting to be replaced by the emergency meeting if needed. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: QUARTERLY BOARD TRAINING

Ms. McIntyre presented the quarterly training to the board.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: ESTIMATED LIBRARY BUDGET

Ms. McIntyre presented the estimated library budget and answered questions as they were asked.

Ms. Bulger moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees approve the proposed estimated library budgets (Levy pass or fail) as presented. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY LOGO

Ms. McIntyre presented the suggested library, and foundation, logos created by Wendt Advertising. After some discussion, Ms McIntyre proposed a committee be set up with a staff member, A board member, and a foundation member to re-present the logos after the June 6th Mill Levy. Both the Board and the Foundation supported this proposal.

PARK PROJECT DISCUSSION

Ms. McIntyre informed the board of the current status of the park project, and of the concerns some community members have had. Recommendations were made regarding the steps taken in future park projects as we move forward.

Mr. Eatherly made of a motion that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees approve the modified library park beautification plan as presented. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Community members JoAnn Bernard and Rich Ecke made public comments. Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed with Motion passed unanimously.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Community member Rich Ecke offered additional options to beautify the library park area.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Olson asked if there were any other questions, upon hearing none she would entertain a motion.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson adjourned the meeting at 5:27 pm.