

Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Great Falls Public Library – Montana Room (3rd Floor 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. Rae Grulkowski - Cascade County Commissioner, Ms. Susan Wolff - City of Great Falls Commissioner

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Molly Back - Chair of the ballot initiative committee "Vote Yes for Libraries", Ms. Jill Baker – GFPL Foundation Director, Ms. Nancy Zadick - Treasurer of the ballot initiative committee "Vote Yes for Libraries"

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

I. AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Olson started the meeting with introductions.

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

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approve the agenda items as presented. 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 items on pages 1-28, and the personnel report on pages 29-30.

Ms. Crist clarified her concern under the library marketing plan.

Ms. Wolff indicated that she was not present at the December meeting.

Ms. McIntyre answered questions as they were asked.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees approves the consent agenda with amendments. Mr. Eatherly 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 informed us that the foundation is wrapping up its 33rd annual book-a-thon. It has been successful this year; Over 58 thousand raised.

The Foundation will be moving forward on strategic planning around the possible Library Mill Levy; as well as planning for a possible capital campaign.

Wednesday, February 22nd, from 5-7pm the foundation will be holding a capital campaign workshop. Ms. Baker has invited all of the library board to attend.

The foundation will have two openings this spring, if you know anyone that may be interested please send them to Ms. Baker.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Olson informed the group that the Great Falls Flower Growers are in support of upgrades to the Library Park in connection to a Foundation Approved Project ask.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

No new board reports were given.

VII. PROPOSALS/COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

No new proposals or comments were given.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

QUARTERLY TRAINING: MILL LEVIES

Ms. McIntyre answered questions regarding the webinar she emailed.

MILL LEVY

Ms. McIntyre introduced Ms. Beck and Ms. Zadick from the “Vote Yes for Libraries” ballot initiative committee. A discussion was had regarding the possible mill levy. Ms. McIntyre presented the next steps going forward and answered questions as they were asked.

Mr. Eatherly moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees request that the Great Falls City Commission call for a special election to be held on June 6th, 2023 for the purpose of placing a library mill levy of 15 mills before the voters. 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.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

CODE OF ETHICS – DISCLOSURE FORM

Ms. McIntyre reminded board members that the City of Great Falls requires the Code of Ethics form be filled out annually. Please remit the signed form as soon as possible.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Eatherly 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 5:45pm.