

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board
Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

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Lois called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Jeff Skrysak, Lois Stark, Louise Newswanger, Gretchen Coppedge, Bill Distad, Sigrid Olsen, Francine Boullosa

ATTENDANCE

Members absent: Katherine Daniels (excused), Callen Sterling (excused)

Guests: Carol Voeller (Friends of Salem Public Library), Kate Van Ummersen (Executive Director, Salem Public Library Foundation)

Library staff members: Lilly Gamaney, Emily Cable, Karen Kinzie, Christopher Rumbaugh, Sarah Strahl

None.

**APPEARANCE OF
INTERESTED
CITIZENS AND
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for August 14, 2019. Louise moved and Gretchen seconded that minutes be approved with revisions from Francine. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION
ITEMS**

Kate shared updates about Salem Reads programming for 2020. Kate asked LAB to consider a donation to Salem Reads 2020.

**SPL Foundation
Salem Reads update**

Library staff shared updates on the Seismic Upgrade Project. Library staff answered questions from the LAB on topics including: access to reference collections during interim, sharing information with the public about collections storage/access during interim.

**Seismic Upgrade
Project update**

Lois shared a report on recent LAB Chair activities. Lois requested architects attend an upcoming meeting to address questions about shelving capacity. Sarah confirmed that Hacker Architects are planning to attend October meeting.

Chair's Report

Sarah answered questions from the group regarding the September City Librarian's Report on topics including a Seismic project open house aimed for end of October, establishment of hours at Broadway temporary location and WSBL during interim, work with Human Rights Commission to ensure that Broadway temporary location is inclusive and welcoming to all, possibility for meeting room space at Broadway temporary location, and privacy concerns related to sharing staff photos in public meeting documents.

**City Librarian's
Report**

Carol shared a report on Friends of Salem Public Library activities, including an upcoming book sale in October, a one-day book sale in June, and updates on Friends relocation during seismic upgrade project construction. Lois clarified that the LAB's Friends liaison role will be filled by Carol.

Friends Report

Kate shared a report on Salem Public Library Foundation activities as part

Foundation Report

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of her report on Salem Reads programming for 2020 delivered earlier in the current meeting. Lois clarified that a new liaison will be elected tonight. Sarah clarified that SPLF staff will have space in interim space, LAB will meet at interim space.

No Teen Advisory Board report was shared at the current meeting.

TAB Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Louise raised the following topics: possibility of expanding hours at WSBL, consistency of hours at both locations, and parking, noting that it might be helpful to have such amenities in place to encourage users to visit WSBL as well during the construction interim. Louise advocated for more consistent hours at WSBL. Sarah said that staff are working on a plan for systematically setting hours at each location during interim that will be informed by input from many sources including LAB. Sarah said she will keep the group updated on this plan as it forms. The group further discussed public perception of temporary expansion of hours at WSBL.

Expansion of hours at WSBL (Louise)

Sarah explained that part of the bond necessitates formation of a public art selection committee and solicited 1 volunteer from LAB to serve on this committee. Gretchen and Francine voiced interest. Sarah said she would check on the feasibility of 2 LAB members. Francine asked about decision-making for current public art displayed in the building/owned by SPLF. Sarah said that SPAC and SPLF will work jointly on these determinations. Francine deferred to Gretchen and said she will serve as a back-up if 2 members is not feasible.

Public Art Selection Committee (Sarah)

Lois shared that in a recent conversation with an unspecified subcommittee member, she learned that parking is not a priority in plans for the seismic project, which conflicts with information shared with this group previously. Sigrid talked about parking at the Vancouver Public Library. Lois said she would call Vancouver and do some research.

Parking (Lois)

ACTION ITEMS

Francine announced the LAB Elections Subcommittee's nominations for Chair (Lois), Vice Chair (Louise). Francine clarified that nominations were welcome from the floor and, barring any such nominations, a simple yes/no vote would be sufficient to decide. No nominations were submitted from the floor for either Chair or Vice Chair. Sigrid moved that Lois be elected Chair, Louise be elected Vice Chair. Gretchen seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Lois nominated Louise for SPLF Liaison. Gretchen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

LAB Officer Elections (Sigrid, Francine)

Sigrid moved to declare support for the Friends of Salem Public Library as they go through challenging, fluid circumstances in creating their Friends store in a new location. Gretchen seconded. Lois asked Sigrid to clarify what kind of support, Sigrid clarified that this declaration is a recognition only, nothing monetary. Motion passed unanimously.

Declaration of support for Friends

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Lois reviewed previous donations and financial holdings. Louise moved to donate \$4,000 to Salem Reads 2020. Gretchen seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Donation to Salem Reads

Louise moved to recommend to staff that they look seriously at expanding hours at WSBL during the move. Francine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

WSBL hours

None.

MISC BOARD ITEMS

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:30 PM, in the Board Room. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by: Lilly Gamaney, Staff Assistant