Thank you, Jim, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: JAMES J HECKEL
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 11:57 AM
To: commission
commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Library Board Appointment

I urge you to appoint the best person for any board and I especially urge you to select Bob Kelly as the appointment to the Great Falls Public Library board of directors. Bob has long served this community wisely and fairly. He understands the operation of the library and of the City. He is a dedicated servant for a better Great Falls. We need a great, well-functioning library for a great city.

Jim Heckel 3012 Carmel Dr Great Falls, MT 406-454-1465 Thank you, Aaron, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: Aaron Weissman <aronweissman@icloud.com> Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 12:10 PM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: Please Support Bob Kelly for library board

Dear City Commissioners;

I would like to take a moment to recommend Bob Kelly for the library board. In three terms as our mayor, Bob really showed a huge amount of wisdom, discretion and good sense leading our city.

Under Bob's leadership, our city grew economically and culturally. He found ways to bridge the divide between people, and I think that will be a valuable skill.

You all know Bob and the strong work that led him to be re-elected by the people of Great Falls so many times. I think that his resume stands for itself.

Please support Bob Kelly's candidacy for library board.

Aaron

Aaron Weissman aaron@weissman.com Thank you, Pam, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Pam Guschausky <guschauskypg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 12:11 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Library Board

Dear Commissioners Please select Bob Kelly to serve as the library board member on Tuesday. You would be hard-pressed to find anyone more suited for this position. Our community would be so honored to have him join the library board. Thank you. Pam Guschausky 1523 1st Ave S GF 59401 406-781-1114



Virus-free.www.avg.com

Thank you, Mark, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: Mark Semmens <marksemmens@gmail.com> Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 12:20 PM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: Bob Kelly for Library Board

Commission Members:

Please support Bob Kelly's appointment to the library board. You know the skills and knowledge Bob would bring to the position. And his passion for our community would undoubtedly lead to greater outreach and success for our library.

So please, do the right thing for the people of Great Falls, and appoint Bob Kelly to the library board.

Thanks,

Mark and Rosemary Semmens 3908 17th Ave S Great Falls, MT 59405

Sent from my iPhone

Thank you, Ruth, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Ruth Johnson <ruthjohnson52@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 12:26 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Appointment of library board member

As you consider the placement of a member to the Library Board, I would ask you to include in your thinking the ultimate mission of the library - to make books available to all members of the community. In my mind, the only way a democracy can be supported is for the population to be well educated and have access to various points of view. No library board member should be appointed who has an agenda to reduce the number of points of view available to the community. I believe that Noelle Johnson has just such an agenda, leaning toward the point of view of a political movement that would impose its views on the entire community.

I would ask that Bob Kelly receive your appointment. Mr. Kelly would bring a transparent, supportive voice to the library board, as he is an active user of the library services, and has a proven record in community leadership, seeking to serve all and not just a few. His experience as mayor means he understands budget issues. His work in the community includes the Children's Museum, NeighborWorks, and more. I would heartily support his appointment.

Ruth Johnson 414 5th St N Great Falls MT 59401 (406)315-3265 FYI - Darcy

From: Darcy Dea
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:59 PM
To: 'tamara bistodeau' <ttarene@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: GFPL Board candidates

Thank you for submitting written public comment. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission for consideration of agenda item 6 on the June 18, 2024 commission agenda.

Thank you,

Darcy Dea Deputy City Clerk P. O. Box 5021 Great Falls, MT 59403 406-455-8479

From: tamara bistodeau <ttarene@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:19 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: GFPL Board candidates

I am recommending Ashlynn Maczko and Bob Kelly to serve on this board. Thank you for asking. Tamara Bistodeau. 3120 8th Ave N GF,MT

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

From:	Lisa C. Kunz
To:	Cory Reeves; Joe McKenney; Rick Tryon; Shannon Wilson; Susan Wolff
Cc:	Krista Artis
Subject:	FW: New Ticket: 293089903 - Support Bob Kelly appointment to Library Board
Date:	Friday, June 14, 2024 11:43:36 AM

FYI ticket received from: Email: gwhirry@gmail.com Name: Gordon Whirry Phone Number: 4067816107

Thank you, Gordon, for your written public comment. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda. Best regards, Lisa Kunz City Clerk

From: City of Great Falls Montana <greatfalls-mt@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 11:38 AM
To: Lisa C. Kunz <lkunz@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: New Ticket: 293089903 - Support Bob Kelly appointment to Library Board

Ticket ID: 293089903

Ticket Node ID: 264402

Ticket Topic: Support Bob Kelly appointment to Library Board

Department: City Commission

Department default assignee: lkunz

Details:

I am delighted to learn that Bob Kelly is seeking appointment to the Library Board. He offers exceptional qualifications as our former mayor with deep knowledge of both city and library issues, outstanding skills as a bridge-builder, deep commitment to Great Falls and the library, business experience, financial knowledge, etc. I can't think of anyone more qualified!

In contrast, the board has been saddled with a negative influence by a recent politically motivated appointment. Noelle Johnson has been disruptive at meetings and does not seem committed to the library's mission. For the sake of our community, I urge you to approve Bob Kelly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please do not respond to this email. To update the ticket or respond to the citizen use the link below.

https://greatfallsmt.net//ticket_status?id=293089903

Thank you, Terry, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: Terry Bjork <tlbjork@hotmail.com> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 12:11 PM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: comments for 6/18 City Commission meeting, agenda item 6, Library Board appointment

Commissioners

I am writing to urge you to appoint either former Mayor Bob Kelly or Ms. Susan Lee to the Library Board.

Mayor Kelly would make an outstanding board member due to his many years of experience in Great Falls government and familiarity with city budgeting processes and tradeoffs, his knowledge of the library itself due to those years in government, and the outstanding levels of common sense, fairness, and even temper he demonstrated throughout his tenure as mayor and commissioner.

Ms. Lee would also make an excellent board member due to her education in library science, her career background of many years working in libraries, and her demonstrated strong interest in the Great Falls Public Library as well as the library foundation. She has been keenly following and involved with the library board and library events for a number of years.

I feel both these candidates would have the best interests of the library in mind as well as the required balance with the entire population of Great Falls. In addition neither seems to have a particular political axe to grind. Non-partisanship should be promoted in every City board and commission.

Thanks for your consideration,

Terry Bjork

Great Falls resident

Thank you, Nancy, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: Newport Trainstation <nht306@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 11:10 AM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: Library board appointment

Dear Commisioners,

Rather than reappoint Noelle Johnson to the library board for a five year term, please consider appointing Ashlyn Maczko, Bob Kelly or Sandor Hopkins for the position. We need board members who are committed to supporting a strong and open public library.

Thank you for your consideration. And thank you for being willing to work to help keep Great Falls so special!

Nancy H Traner 2700 Bonita Dr Great Falls MT 59404

Sent from my iPad

From:	Lisa C. Kunz
To:	"TEAM Munson"
Subject:	RE: Library Board
Date:	Monday, June 17, 2024 8:32:44 AM
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Thank you, Renae, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: TEAM Munson <RRMunson@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 12:59 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Cc: Cory Reeves <creeves@greatfallsmt.net>; Susan Wolff <swolff@greatfallsmt.net>; Shannon
Wilson <swilson@greatfallsmt.net>; Joe McKenney <jmckenney@greatfallsmt.net>; Rick Tryon
<rtryon@greatfallsmt.net>

Subject: Library Board

Hello,

I respectfully request your support for Noelle Johnson for the library board position. She has demonstrated fiscal responsibility instead of asking taxpayers for more money. Ms. Johnson is also needed to maintain decency in our library. The library is only as good as the books and services it offers. Porn disguised as children's books used to corrupt young minds is repulsive and reflects on our entire community.

Sincerely, Renae Munson Great Falls, MT 59401 Thank you, David, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: David Saslav <dsaslav@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 9:25 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Supporting Bob Kelly and Sandor Hopkins for Library Board

Hello Commissioners,

On Tuesday night, please appoint either Bob Kelly or Sandor Hopkins to the upcoming fiveyear Library Board term.

Either of these excellent Great Falls citizens will help advocate for literacy and library services the way our City deserves.

Please respect the Library and its current (and future) readers who will chart Great Falls path to future growth, and appoint former Mayor Kelly or future Statehouse representative Hopkins.

Respectfully,

David Saslav Great Falls resident, 2018-present Thank you, Camille, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Camille Consolvo <caconsolvo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 16, 2024 7:14 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Library Board members

I support Bob Kelly, Sandor Hopkins, or Ashlynn Maczko for the Library Board. These citizens would bring a common sense approach to the position. They appreciate the public library and understand how much of an asset it is to the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Camille Consolvo 2717 3rd Ave. N.

Great Falls, MT 59401

Thank you, Gerry, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Gerry Jennings <jenningsg92@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2024 11:10 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Candidate for library board

Dear Mayor Reeves, Commissioners Wolff, Wilson, Tryon and McKenney,

It is my understanding that a new board member will be voted on to begin a new 5 year term on the GF Public Library board. What I said at a prior commission meeting, and what I will repeat here, is that a board member of a public library is a supporter of the library, not someone who either wishes that levies won't succeed or that once it does, the city commission can remove some of that funding for their own purposes. Noelle Johnson has not been a cooperative library board member. By that I don't mean that she doesn't rubber stamp every issue that is proposed, but that she is contentious. I have attended many board meetings in the last year and have found her to be disrespectful of staff and other board members with obvious disdain for library operations, and disruptive of library board meetings, causing them to drag on much longer than is necessary.

Let's replace this anti-library board member with someone who loves our library and will help continue the good work started since the levy's passing. I don't know if you ever attend library functions (I do, and I don't ever see some of you there), but there are many varied and wonderful presentations every week including music in the park. Most are very well attended and worth every minute spent there.

I support Bob Kelly, Sandor Hopkins and Ashlynn Maczko. With these you have

three **qualified** candidates from which to choose for our newest library board member.

I look forward to hearing your decision on Tuesday evening. Let's do the library board a favor and select someone who can work in a positive/productive manner with the present board.

Sincerely, Gerry Jennings 59404

Thank you, Elizabeth, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: elizabeth <elizaleaf@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2024 3:52 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Library board recommendation

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly recommend selecting Bob Kelly as the next library board member. As we all know, Bob is the former mayor of Great Falls, and is a highly involved citizen who cares about our community. He was been a library board member before, he is knowledgeable about how boards work, and he has a financial background to help with any financial issues and is aware of the funding structure of the library. He is an ethical, congenial, intelligent person and is a consensus builder who can help the library continue to be a vital part of our community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Jennings

Thank you for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: Charter <cjtucks2222@charter.net> Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2024 12:47 PM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: Library board

Please select Bob Kelly to fill this position. It makes no sense to appoint someone who dislikes libraries and makes their meetings contentious. They are working for all the citizens of Great Falls!! Sent from my iPhone Thank you, Dan and Wendy, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: Dan Wilkinson <dan@wilkinsonweb.com> Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2024 9:08 AM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: Library board

Good morning,

My wife and I have lived and worked in Great Falls for the last 24 years and care deeply about this city.

We also care deeply about our library and the myriad of positive services and contributions it provides to our community. In light of that, we strongly urge you to consider appointing Sandor Hopkins, Bob Kelly, or Ashlynn Maczko to the library board. All of these individuals are strong supporters of our community and will faithfully represent the best interests of Great Falls on the library board.

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of the citizens of Great Falls.

Dan and Wendy Wilkinson 1705 4th Ave N Thank you, Tom, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: Tom Lyons <rowhog@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2024 8:42 AM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: Library board

I recommend Bob Kelly for the upcoming Library Board position. As a past commissioner, Bob has a thorough understanding of policy and funding and in my opinion is an ambassador for thoughtful cohesive and task oriented committee meetings. Thank you

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Tom Lyons 1526C Meadowlark Drive Great Falls MT 59404 Sent from my iPhone Thank you, Lucretia, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: Lucretia Humphrey <lucretiamh@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2024 6:29 AM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: Library Board Member

Dear Commissioner Wolff, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Tryon and Mayor Reeves,

I ask you to please choose a qualified candidate for the Library Board. The current person appointed to the Board should not continue. I have attended a library board meeting and watched this member slow down the process by nit picking her way through an agenda. At no time did I see her embrace the library and make an effort to be supportive and helpful to the other members. I understand that she has a different opinion and that is to be appreciated in a democracy, but she is not exhibiting the skills to make it possible.

We need a person who understands budgets, both city and library. We need a qualified person who understands how important a library is to a community, a person who appreciates all the people of our town and works with collaboration with the other board members. I understand that there are a number of applicants that are presenting amazing backgrounds for this important job.

I am sorry I will not be able to attend in person.

I urge you to look for qualifications, not a place holder for one small aspect of our community.

Sincerely, Lucretia Humphrey Sent from my iPhone Thank you, Josh, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Josh Ewald <josh.ewald@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2024 2:25 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Library board candidates

I support Bob Kelly, Sandor Hopkins and Ashlynn Maczko as candidates for the Library Board.

Thank you, Carol, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: Carol Bradley <carol.bradley@charter.net> Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 4:15 PM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: Library board

Dear commissioners,

Please consider appointing Bob Kelly to the library board. Bob brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding of how funding for the library works. He's a regular user of the library and he offers the very type of demeanor the public would want to see in an appointee. We could not ask for a more qualified applicant.

Thank you for your time.

Carol Bradley 1826 3rd Ave. N. Thank you, Lynette, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Lynette Scriver-Colburn <scriver1805@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 4:04 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Library board appointment

Dear Commissioners--

Please vote for the obvious choice to serve a full-term on the Great Falls Public Library board: Bob Kelly. You all know his credentials and community service to Great Falls. He is more than qualified to serve on the library board.

Lynette Scriver-Colburn Great Falls, MT Thank you, Paavo, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Paavo Hall <baafo@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 2:20 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Library Board

Dear Commission: I am writing to request that you do not re-appoint Noelle Johnson to the library board. She is an anti-library activist who sees the library only as a tool to support her ultra right wing values. I recommend you appoint former mayor Bob Kelly to fill the open position. He understands the traditional role of the public library in American life and has the executive experience in dealing with the funding problems that face our local library.

Best regards, Paavo Hall 2910 5B. St. N.E. Great Falls, Mt. 59404 Thank you for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----From: cjdd72@charter.net <cjdd72@charter.net> Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 1:58 PM To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net> Subject: Library un barley and I don't know her

Sent from my iPhoneHello id like to add my name in support of Bob Kelly to the Gt Falls Library Brd. Bob is the past Mayor know how the city works and can be an active Brd member from day one. I attended a meeting were the one who was appointed made the meeting run badley. Plz appoint Bob Kelly and do the right thing . Thanks

Thank you, Steve, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Steve Erwin <2steveerwin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 1:57 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Kelly support - Library Board

I write this email in support of Bob Kelly as a new member of the Library board. It is a rare circumstance when a city has an opportunity to appoint someone as qualified as Bob to such an important position. An avid reader and supporter of the Library, he will bring a wealth of experience to the position. I have known Bob for 15 years, working closely with him during my tenure on the school board, and again with Special Olympics, and always found him to be a fair minded individual with a willingness to consider all viewpoints. He would be an asset to the Library board and its mission.

Steve --Steve Erwin 406-899-3300 2steveerwin@gmail.com Thank you, Deb, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Debbie Erwin <2deberwin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 1:41 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Opening on Library Board

Good afternoon, Please appoint Bob Kelly at your meeting this Tuesday. Bob, as you know, is highly qualified for this position and would bring positive, supportive experience to this board. Thank you,

Debra Erwin 500 28th Ave. NW Great Falls, MT. 59404 --Deb Erwin Thank you, Randall, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: City of Great Falls Montana <greatfalls-mt@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 2:44 PM
To: City Commissioners <CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: [All City Commissioners] Bob Kelly for Libarary Board

Randall Knowles (<u>KnowlesMontana@Juno.com</u>) sent a message using the contact form at <u>https://greatfallsmt.net/</u>.

I should not have to explain why Bob Kelly would make and Excellent member of the Great Falls Public Library board. Please appoint Bob.

Thank you, Sara, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on this evening's Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: sarabuley@gmail.com <sarabuley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 2:12 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Ilbrary board member

Dear All,

Thank you City Commissioners for working with the Great Falls Public Library to ensure that Great Falls has a great library to meet the needs of all citizens.

I would like to encourage you to select either Bob Kelly, Sandor Hopkins or Ashlynn Maczko to be the newest board member. Each of them value our public library and will work to continue the good work begun since the levy passed.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Sara Buley 913 25th Ave. SW Great Falls, MT 59404 Thank you, Bob, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Bob Norbie <bnorbie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 4:18 PM
To: Cory Reeves <creeves@greatfallsmt.net>; Susan Wolff <swolff@greatfallsmt.net>; Shannon
Wilson <swilson@greatfallsmt.net>; Joe McKenney <jmckenney@greatfallsmt.net>; Rick Tryon
<rtryon@greatfallsmt.net>; commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Cc: Bob Norbie <bnorbie@gmail.com>
Subject: Endorsement for Library Board Candidate - Bob Kelly

Dear Mayor Reeves and City Commissioners,

I understand you are interviewing candidates for the Library Board. I would like to take a moment to endorse former mayor, Bob Kelly, as your candidate of choice.

I've known Bob personally and professionally for nearly three decades. I've partnered with him at community events and through charitable organizations. I also employed Bob on a short-term interim basis some years ago. All of my interaction with Bob affirms the quality of his person, his honorable intentions to be in service to others, his care for the health of our community, and the hard and soft skill he has to problem-solve and lead responsibly. He is a person with much integrity and treats others as he would like to be treated.

In a time when communities are so politically divisive I've admired how Bob has been a refreshingly sensible collaborator and consensus builder as he navigates challenging issues on behalf of our community.

As former mayor who was an ex-officio member of the library board, Bob understands the nuances of library funding and the issues concerning public use of this important community resource.

I hope you evaluate candidates on the merits of fulfilling duties of this position. When you do, you will see that Bob Kelly is a superior candidate of choice.

Sincerely,

Bob Norbie Retired CEO Special Olympics Montana

Home Address: 15 Prospect Drive Great Falls, MT 59405 406-899-2323 cell

I'd like to

Thank you, Ron, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: City of Great Falls Montana <greatfalls-mt@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 5:31 PM
To: City Commissioners <CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: [All City Commissioners] Library Board appointment

Ron Staley (<u>twocampers406@gmail.com</u>) sent a message using the contact form at <u>https://greatfallsmt.net/</u>.

I will keep this short.

Noelle Johnson has done an excellent job on the Library Board. Please keep her on the board. She brings a balance to the decision making process on the board and is very well qualified. Ron Staley Thank you, Brian, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: City of Great Falls Montana <greatfalls-mt@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:40 PM
To: City Commissioners <CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: [All City Commissioners] library Board Applications - Yes to Noelle Johnson

Brian Cayko (<u>briancayko@gmail.com</u>) sent a message using the contact form at <u>https://greatfallsmt.net/</u>.

Hello City Commissioners,

Please follow my support for appointing Noelle Johnson to another term on the library board. Her previous experience has demonstrated her to be the most competent of all board members. She is prepared, punctual, & effective as a current board member.

Thank You Brian Cayko Great Falls.

From:	Lisa C. Kunz
To:	Cory Reeves; Joe McKenney; Rick Tryon; Shannon Wilson; Susan Wolff
Cc:	Krista Artis
Subject:	Agenda Item 6 - Library Board appointment
Date:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024 1:23:59 PM
Attachments:	RE All City Commissioners Library Board appointment.msg RE Great Falls Library Board.msg RE Library board.msg RE Library Board.msg RE Library Board Appointment.msg RE CCLP Support for Johnson.msg RE New Library Board Member Position.msg RE Library Board Appointment.msg
	RE IN SUPPORT OF BOB KELLY ON THE LIBRARY BOARD.msg

Good Afternoon – attached are the final 10 emails and one citizen ticket that came in before the noon deadline.

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City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451 Thank you, Sharon, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

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From: City of Great Falls Montana <greatfalls-mt@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:30 AM
To: City Commissioners <CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: [All City Commissioners] Library Board appointment

Sharon Stearns (<u>catrionab90@yahoo.com</u>) sent a message using the contact form at <u>https://greatfallsmt.net/</u>.

Hello,

I am writing in support of either Bob Kelly or Sandor Hopkins to be appointed to the open library board position. Either of these candidates would be excellent choices to serve on the Library Board.

Thank you,

Sharon E. Stearns

Thank you, Ginny, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

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From: Ginny Rogliano <grogliano5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:23 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Great Falls Library Board

I attended the June 12, 2024 Library Board candidate interviews. I understand there will be two additional interviews today at 4:00 PM.

Noelle Johnson is by far the best candidate for the Great Falls Library Board and should be reappointed.

It is in the best interest of the Board to seek out different thoughts and ideas, which Ms. Johnson provides in a professional manner. No Board should operate in lock step. Alternative viewpoints should be welcomed and accepted respectfully.

I highly recommend the reappointment of Noelle Johnson to the Great Falls Library Board. Noelle is most qualified to continue in this position. Her experience, attention to detail, and organization skills are just some of her many strong qualifications.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Ginny Rogliano Great Falls, Montana Thank you, Casey, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

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Subject: [All City Commissioners] Appointments of library board members

Casey Cummings (<u>Principalproperties7708@gmail.com</u>) sent a message using the contact form at <u>https://greatfallsmt.net/</u>.

Good morning to all of our City Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you . This email is to ask you to reappoint Noelle Johnson to the library board . As I have been made aware Miss Johnson may have some differing opinions from other board members but a board can be very effective and can actually thrive when all ideas can be voiced and then be voted upon. It seems at this point any opinion that could negatively effect the library could easily be voted down . As we can all agree banning books and ideas can grease an already slippery slope .

I appreciate your time very much .Casey Cummings

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Thank you, Jane, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

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From: James and Jane Weber <jwebers5@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:01 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Library Board Appointment

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None of the applicants in the current selection pool have the knowledge and experience to help guide those kinds of financial decisions, should the city sever its current arrangement with the library. Bob's experience working with DA Davidson positions him as the best choice to diversify the expertise on the library board. The library board will NEED someone who can strategize options on how to design a new financial structure. In addition, having previously served as the city liaison on the library board, Bob understands the history of the library, its current organization and mission.

As an aside, I have attended many of the library board meetings in the last seven months. The individual who was appointed to fill the remaining term of Brad Eatherly has not provided constructive input for the board. On the contrary, her comments have rarely been supportive of the library mission. Instead, the library board meetings stretch for hours with discussions about minutia that should not be the role of a board member. Since this temporary

appointment, some meetings have unnecessarily lasted three hours. This is not an example of an engaged board appointee, but rather of an intentionally disruptive appointee.

You have the power to do better and I hope you will consider Bob Kelly who can bring an entirely different and fiscally knowledgeable expertise to this board.

Thank you, Jane Weber Patron of the Great Falls Library Thank you, Jane, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

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Thank you, Jane Weber Patron of the Great Falls Library Thank you, Tony, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

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From: Tony Rosales <trrosales@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:14 AM
To: Cory Reeves <creeves@greatfallsmt.net>; Susan Wolff <swolff@greatfallsmt.net>; Shannon
Wilson <swilson@greatfallsmt.net>; Joe McKenney <jmckenney@greatfallsmt.net>; Rick Tryon
<rtryon@greatfallsmt.net>; commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Cc: Annie Leatherbarrow <annie.leatherbarrow@mtlp.org>
Subject: CCLP Support for Johnson

Dear City Commission,

On behalf of the Cascade County Libertarian Party, we express our strong support for retaining Noelle Johnson on the Library Board.

Despite the current pressure to replace her, you must recognize this is the sentiment of a vocal minority. Many of the terms floating around including "disruptive behaviour" and "obvious disdain" are not factual claims and are based on perception. We urge you to focus on the factual and unbiased reasons for retaining or dismissing Johnson, rather than yielding to populist impulses. Your decision-making should be principled and reflect the true needs and interests of our community.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely, Tony Rosales, PhD Chair, Cascade County Libertarian Party Thank you, Suzanne, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on the June 18th Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz City Clerk/Records Manager Civic Center Room 204 406.455.8451

From: Suzanne Porter <portchatter1971@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:16 AM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: New Library Board Member Position

Good morning,

As someone who regularly uses our community library and donates to its foundation whenever I can, I recommend the appointment of Bob Kelly for the five-year position he has volunteered for.

During my 26 years in Great Falls, I was the first full-time executive director of CASA-CAN and afterwards served on its board for a number of years (4 as treasurer and 1 as president). I've also held board positions with the Boys & Girls Club, the Food Bank, the YWCA, and the Great Falls Clinic Legacy Foundation. I bring up my past volunteer work because it shows I have experience--both positive and negative--in what sort of people best serve their community. In my opinion, the new board member you're seeking at the minimum should have favorable leadership and fiscal experience, some record of unbiased community service, and a personal reputation that doesn't outshine the board position itself in any way. Not knowing either candidate personally, I believe Former Mayor Bob Kelly satisfies all that criteria.

Our library is a community jewel. Please protect it by choosing Bob Kelly. Thank you,

Suzanne Porter Great Falls, MT Thank you, Jasmine, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on this evening's Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

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From: Jasmine Taylor <jasmine.taylor.mt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 12:00 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Library Board Appointment

Commissioners and Mayor,

I am writing regarding the appointment of a new library board member. You have a number for qualified applicants to select from, and one applicant that is causing active harm.

I would urge out not to reappoint Noelle Johnson. Her conduct during her short time on the board has shown that she is not qualified to serve further.

She has voted "No" on basic reports, but refuses to explain why she is voting "No." If her vote is an indicator of a problem, she herself is refusing to name that problem, let alone work collaboratively towards a solution. Her attitude toward staff has been condescending. She has been non communicative with other board members. It is clear she is there to disrupt, not to work in good faith to support and improve the library.

That said, there are several applicants who are more qualified and who have not betrayed the public trust. It is essential that you put partisan politics aside, and do what is best for the library and the community.

Ashlynn Maczko, Bob Kelly, and Sandor Hopkins would all bring positive perspectives and experience to the board. Any one would be a fantastic choice.

I urge you to support reason and competence, and help restore the public trust.

Thank you, Jasmine Taylor Thank you, Nora, for your written public comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission for consideration of item 6 on this evening's Commission Agenda.

Best regards,

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From: Nora Gray <norafgray@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 12:25 PM
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>
Subject: Fwd: IN SUPPORT OF BOB KELLY ON THE LIBRARY BOARD

Date: Tue, Jun 18, 2024 at 12:12 PM Subject: IN SUPPORT OF BOB KELLY ON THE LIBRARY BOARD

Good morning, Commissioners,

Tonight you will appoint a citizen to our Great Falls Public Library Board for a five -year term. I urge you to appoint Bob Kelly who is an excellent candidate, in my opinion. He is fairminded, aware of the library's budget needs, and has already served as a liason member from the city commission to the library. There are no men on the board at this time, so his appointment would fill this gap. Bob's broad experience with Great Falls, our library and with the other libraries within our area would be very helpful. I urge you to appoint Bob Kelly.

Sincerely, Nora Flaherty-Gray