

Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
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: Mr. Don Ryan - Cascade County Commissioner

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Susan Wolff - City of Great Falls Commissioner

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Kelley Aline – GFPL Foundation (via zoom); Jill Baker – GFPL Foundation Director; Rob Cullin – Rethinking Libraries (via zoom); Paula Delaney – GFPL Foundation; Tom Donnelly – GFPL Foundation; Richard Irving – Library Patron; Carrie Jensen – GFPL Foundation; Ashly Mayer – Arden G. Hill Memorial Library; Sandy Rice – GFPL Foundation Liaison; Gladys Rayhill – Belt Public Library (via zoom); Jenn Rowell – The Electric; Ski Wisniewski – MMW Architects (via zoom); Jacob Wright – MMW Architects (via zoom)

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 moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees move Old Business-Option C, Master Plan Update to the beginning of the meeting. 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.

Ms. Olson asked if there were any other motions.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees move New Business-Option A, Mill Levy to be moved to directly after the Master Plan Update. 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.

Ms. Olson asked if there were any other motions. If not, she would entertain a motion.

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.

At this point, Mr. Wisniewski and Mr. Wright from MMW Architects and Mr. Cullin from Rethinking Libraries presented the master plan update. Questions were answered as they were received.

Ms. Bulger moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approves the plan as submitted. Mr. Eatherly 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. McIntyre presented the Mill Levy presentation that will be presented to the city and county commission. She answered questions as they were received.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Directs the Library Director to begin preparation for a library mill levy, including having conversations with stakeholders such as the Belt Public Library, Wedsworth Public Library, Cascade County and the City of Great Falls. 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 1-32, and the personnel report on pages 33-34.

Ms. Olson asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the committee regarding the consent agenda. Upon hearing none, she asked for a motion.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees approves the consent agenda as presented. Ms. DeForest 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. Rice informed us that the foundation is prepping for the book-a-thon. There will be an October insert in the Energy West statements.

October 24th, is the Mighty Mo Raise a Pint night from 5-8pm; it will include a book exchange.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Olson mentioned that Ms. McIntyre could use support at the October 4th work session.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

Nothing to report.

VII. PROPOSALS/COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

Nothing to report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19

Ms. McIntyre gave an update on COVID-19.

FY2022 BUDGET REVIEW

Ms. McIntyre gave an overview of the FY22 budget review. She answered questions as they were asked.

LIBRARY CARD POLICY CHANGE

Ms. McIntyre gave an overview of the Library Card Policy Change. She answered questions as they were asked.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approves the updated library card Policy that does not require parental notification as presented. 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.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. 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.

Ms. Olson adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.