

Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 2024
Great Falls Public Library – Cordingley Room (Basement of the Library)

(Virtual access to meeting was available upon request)
(zoom recording of meeting is available on the Great Falls Public Library YouTube page)

4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Anne Bulger, Ms. Jessica Crist, Ms. Sam DeForest, Ms. Noelle Johnson, Ms. Whitney Olson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Rae Grulkowski – Cascade County Commissioner, Ms. Shannon Wilson – City of Great Falls Commissioner

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Treva Higgins, Ms. Amma Jones, Aaron Kueffler, Mr. Drew Larion, Ms. Susie McIntyre, Ms. Sara Linder-Parkinson

GUESTS PRESENT: John Beckman – Resident of Great Falls, Shelly Fagenstrom – Resident of Cascade County, Rina Fontana Moore – Resident of Great Falls, Richard Irving – Resident of Great Falls, Sharon Patton-Griffin – Resident of Cascade County, Sandy Rice – GFPL Foundation Liaison, Jenn Rowell – The Electric (via zoom), David Saslav – Resident of Great Falls, Melissa Smith – Resident of Great Falls, Ken Toole – Resident of Cascade County

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

I. AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Olson asked for an agenda approval.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approve the agenda items as presented. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment.

Richard Irving, a resident of Great Falls addressed the board. He stated that he was unclear on the appointments in the agenda. He asked if the board is appointing officers or is the board making changes to the rules. If the board is making changes to the rules, it is too late to do so; that should have been done before this meeting.

Ms. Olson asked if there were any more public or board comments. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

II. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Drew Larion and Ms. Amma Jones introduced themselves talked about their positions at the Library and how they came to be at the Library. After questions from the board, they left the meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Irving, a resident of Great Falls addressed the board. He addressed a recent domestic dispute in the Library Park. Since the event happened in the Library Park he called and talked to the safety specialist. He asks for a clear policy on whether or not that was the appropriate action.

Mr. Irving voiced his concerns on last month's review of the director. What was conducted was not a review. He also addressed a disagreement on the board regarding the review. His understanding is a voting member has the right to explain or not explain their vote and should not be forced to.

Mr. Irving talked about openness. The director is very firm on openness and discloses more than most library directors and boards do. He feels the openness that occurs should be fully open and not hiding things.

Mr. Irving voiced his concerns with children being placed in the basement after the remodel in order to allow more unhoused people to be on the first floor.

Sharon Patton-Griffin, a resident of Cascade County, addressed the board. She voiced her concerns regarding the seven mills the city is considering removing from the library. She hopes that the library does what it needs to keep the seven mills. She stated that the seven mills is a drop in the bucket for what the city needed for the safety levy. Because the seven mills accounts for one-third of the library budget, it won't solve the problem of the safety levy, but it will cause enormous problems for the library.

John Beckman, a resident of Great Falls, addressed the board. He mentioned he did not see a spot on the agenda for general comment. Ms. Olson informed him that this was the time for general comment.

Mr. Beckman mentioned that he has been to a few of the board meetings and there are a few things the board needs to refresh on. He has observed that the board doesn't respond to comments made by the public. He feels this could be seen as a lack of concern for the public comment. He cited Roberts Rules of Order, stating that the chair person is only allowed to moderate and not allowed to speak to any issue. If the chair wishes to make a comment, they must yield the chair to the vice-chair or other board member.

Mr. Beckman added that if a motion is placed before the board, that doesn't involve conflict in the members of the board, and it fails to get a second, it indicates that the entire board is not doing their job. The public is required to get good public response. When the board fails to do a second, it does not reflect well on the board.

Mr. Beckman stated that this is a fiduciary board; it has control over the money. It needs to recognize that whenever something is recommended from the library to be done, it needs to be seriously looked at. He agreed that the library needed more money, but it needs to be careful with what they are doing. If the library proceeds prudently, it shouldn't have any problems. He added that the citizens of the community spoke twice. Once to the library, and once to the safety levy. He cautioned the library to read and heed.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Crist and Ms. Johnson provided Mr. Kueffler with written notes regarding grammatical corrections.

Ms. Johnson stated that she understands that the meeting minutes should not be verbatim and there has been discussion on how the minutes have gotten more detailed. Ms. Johnson posed the question as to where the line is for details. She stated that several conversations between board members after they returned from the executive session, were not included in the meeting minutes. She asked how those decisions regarding details were being made.

Ms. McIntyre stated that we have gotten various feedback multiple times from the board regarding more or less detail in the minutes. She added that the board is welcome to make suggestions if they feel what was presented isn't correct. Ms. McIntyre added that Mr. Kueffler has tried to find the middle ground between Robert's Rules and the wish of the board. She stated that there was a lot of repetition at the end of the meeting and the board is welcome to make changes.

Ms. Olson asked Ms. Johnson if she had changes to make.

Ms. Johnson stated that so much was missing that she felt it was easier to bring it to our attention than record all the needed changes. She agrees that it does not need to be word for word, but the minutes are missing a lot of stuff that is important if this is the formal record of the meeting. Nothing is really recorded about the annual review process that occurred. If anyone from the public were to look back at last year's, it would be very unclear what actually happened.

Ms. Olson asked for input from Ms. Crist. Ms. Crist stated that there isn't an easy answer to where to draw the line. She thinks that one reason for there being less specificity in reporting the executive session is because it was an executive session

related to personnel. Ms. Crist stated that she did not have an answer to the questions, but had the question as well.

Ms. Johnson stated that continuity needs to be the same. She added that a lot of stuff was said that was brought out of executive session that wasn't private. The continuity just isn't there from everything said before, even from public comment when there's several different items listed under Mr. Irving's comments on page six. Several board members had valid things said that weren't just repetitive things and it was not recorded.

Ms. Olson asked if any changes need to be made before a motion is made.

Ms. McIntyre informed the board that they have the option of not approving the minutes and asking for them to be re-presented. The board has a lot of options, they can make specific suggestions, they can give vague suggestions and they can ask us to bring it back, or you can approve as is.

Ms. Olson asked the board for input.

Ms. DeForest stated that she hasn't read what Ms. Johnson's additions are. Ms. Johnson stated that she went back and re-watched the video when she realized more had happened.

Ms. DeForest agreed the minutes were not a full comprehensive report. Ms. DeForest asked how the board could review the minutes before they are asked to approve them. Ms. DeForest agreed that the board should be able to see what Ms. Johnson wants entered into the minutes. Ms. McIntyre stated that one option would be for the board not to approve the June minutes. With feedback from the board, at the next meeting the board will have two sets of minutes to approve, the June and the July. Ms. McIntyre added that the board has three options. The board can approve what's presented, approve with specific changes, or you can ask us to resubmit minutes next month.

Ms. Olson asked if someone would like to make a motion.

Ms. Johnson moved that the minutes from the June meeting be redone to more accurately reflect what happened during the meeting; then re-present them at the next meeting. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for public comment or board discussion. Ms. Bulger asked if she should recuse herself since she was not present. Ms. Olson said that should be fine.

Ms. DeForest asked if Ms. Johnson would be submitting what needed to be added. Ms. Johnson said she would be willing to; the section in question is only about ten minutes long to re-watch. Since Mr. Kueffler has a certain verbiage that he uses, Ms. Johnson

does not know what the preference would be. Mr. Kueffler stated that he is happy to review and re-type the section in question.

Ms. Olson asked if there were any more public or board comments.

Ms. McIntyre added that she understands that there were concerns and she would like to publicly say that Mr. Kueffler works really hard on the minutes and that she takes responsibility for any issues. She proofs the meeting notes before they are added to the board packet. Mr. Kueffler does his best.

Ms. Johnson added that in her proofreading email she did offer kudos and thanked Mr. Kueffler for all the hard work.

Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed by 4 (voting yes: Ms. Olson, Ms. DeForest, Ms. Crist, Ms. Johnson. Abstaining from vote: Ms. Bulger.)

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Olson asked if anyone had questions regarding the Financial reports.

Ms. McIntyre informed us that the packet once again contains two Year to Date reports. The one direct from the software has the personnel contingency and all the weirdness for the actual budget numbers. Starting next month the software generated report will be given.

Ms. Bulger asked if we were using the original software. Ms. McIntyre confirmed we were.

Ms. DeForest had a question on page 21. She asked where the total showed up in the reports. Ms. McIntyre explained that the majority of donations do not show up in these reports because the majority of them go into the 2221. 2221 is the donations on the foundation side, which the board approves. We presented that budget to you. We don't normally do the monthly reports to you. We could change that if the board wants. It hasn't been past practice, but we do show you everything that comes in and everything that goes out. Ms. McIntyre stated that she does not know how helpful the budget report is because we don't really budget for memorials due to the fact that we have no idea how many people are going to give because people have died; and we don't know what the foundation is going to approve. Ms. McIntyre added that it is hard to present that to the board, but we do show all that is brought in and all the stuff that we pay.

Ms. DeForest asked if the form goes through the foundation. Ms. McIntyre stated that past practice has not been to present those monthlies to you because it's so hard to

budget for donations. Previous boards have not felt that was helpful. If the current board would find that helpful, we can run those reports too.

Ms. DeForest asked a question regarding line 365100 on page 9. She asked what donations that included. Ms. McIntyre stated that it was typically from book sales. It can be confusing because we have donations in both the 2220 and 2221.

Ms. Johnson commented on line item 37110, regular interest, on the income statement. She said it was super positive to see the YTD actual amount was at \$28,911.01.

Ms. Johnson asked a question regarding personnel expenses on page 12. From lines 41110 to 41510 the expenses are all over 100%. She asked why they were over even though some positions haven't been filled yet. Ms. McIntyre explained that the monthly budget report on pages 9 and 10 are more accurate because when we created the budgets for FY 2024, we did not know if the levy was going to pass or not pass. We worked with fiscal, and submitted a levy fail budget and a levy pass budget. In the levy pass budget, we did not divide out for PERS and Medicare, etc. It was entered in as a line called personnel's contingency.

Ms. Johnson thanked Ms. McIntyre for including the monthly fund balance on page 15 in the packet.

Ms. McIntyre asked if the board would like this included monthly. She reminded everyone that it is just estimates.

Ms. Olson commented that she doesn't personally need to see all 12 months. She believes that seeing where we are at in any given month would be enough information.

Ms. Bulger stated that when reconciled, this report tells us all we need to know. Ms. Johnson added that having it flow through the year would work; when July is reconciled it gets added, then when August is reconciled it gets added, etc. It gives the board the fund balance which is important to know.

Ms. McIntyre stated that she feels it is important to do the estimates of the next months because we get revenue twice a year. This way you will see the fund balance going down over several months, then when the revenue is received in December, the fund will go back up and will be fine by the end of the year.

Ms. Olson asked if the consensus was to keep the form as it is. All members said yes.

Ms. Johnson ask for clarification on items in the June vendor summary. Ms. Johnson asked about the \$964 for Civic Plus. Ms. McIntyre stated that Civic Plus was our old website contract and we had to buy out of our contract when we switched.

Ms. Olson asked for a motion.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees accept the financial reports as presented. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or comment.

Richard Irving, a resident of Great Falls, addressed the board. He expressed his concerns regarding the financial reports. The fund balances and expenditures and city money and library money and foundation money are all Commingled. If questions come up, the answers tend to be we took that from this fund instead of that fund.

Mr. Irving strongly suggested to the board that they request the director to hire someone who is familiar with credit debit accounting that can generate a clear report on where the money came from and where it's going.

Mr. Irving also expressed concerns with the library throwing away two dumpsters full of books. On the news reports it sometimes says that these books belong to the library and we're throwing them away because they're obsolete. Sometimes these books belong to the foundation and we're throwing them away because they don't want them anymore. That is not being open with your public at all. Because of this Mr. Irving again calls for an outside audit, not approved or paid for by the library, the foundation, or the city.

Ms. Olson asked if there were any more questions.

Ms. Johnson asked if a report was run for 2221 would it look like the report on pages 11-14. Ms. McIntyre said that it would look the same. 2221 is harder to predict the budget, but the report can be run and included in the packet.

Ms. Johnson added that part of the job of the board is to look at all the financial pieces. If the report is easy to print, it could be included.

Ms. Olson asked the board if they would like to see the 2221 income statement in the next board packet. All members said yes.

Ms. Olson asked if there were any more questions, upon hearing none she called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

V. REPORTS

Management Team Report

Ms. Linder-Parkinson gave the public services report.

Ms. Bulger asked with all the packing and unpacking of all the crates if it was a well-oiled machine now. Ms. Linder-Parkinson said when the crates come in, you see a transition in how we're doing our work. She is fortunate to work with the folks that are on her team. If Mr. Kaiser goes to lunch at noon and crates come in, staff tries to get them processed before he gets back. Staff know how much he's doing with the crates and they enjoy being able to help him out. It's been a fun process to watch them all band together.

Ms. Bulger added that it is an amazing service.

Ms. Linder-Parkinson added that she manages an amazing group of people; they deal with a lot of patron interaction and handle it gracefully.

Ms. Olson asked if Ms. Linder-Parkinson's department was the one with the biggest increase in employees. Ms. Linder-Parkinson stated that she went from managing 10 to 17 people.

Ms. Olson stated that Mr. Irving had spoken earlier about concerns about the safety specialist. She asked if Ms. Linder-Parkinson would be comfortable addressing those concerns with him after the meeting, or at a later time. Ms. Linder-Parkinson said absolutely. Mr. Irving and she can have a meeting.

Ms. Crist added that she found it interesting how close the incoming and outgoing crates were. Ms. Linder-Parkinson stated that a lot of times if we send 10 out, we're getting 18 back in, or we might send 4 out and get 10 back.

Ms. Wilson added that she is a part of the Meals on Wheels group that took out flyers last Wednesday, so it is so important for those folks to have something like this and she is really excited about all the services that the library is providing now. She looks forward to it growing.

Ms. DeForest asked how people choose books with the homebound service. Ms. Linder-Parkinson explained that Mr. Kaiser sits down with the individual face to face and does an interview to see what books the person may like. Then they will decide if they want to use Libby or they'll decide if they want to get physical books. If the person wishes to have physical books, Mr. Kaiser will take a crate of books that may be of interest and lets the homebound person select what they would like.

Ms. McIntyre added that Ms. Linder-Parkinson has stated several times that she's excited about the team that she has. That doesn't just happen, it happens because they have a good leader that builds team. Ms. Linder-Parkinson has done a really good job of building a team that works together. Going from supervising 10 people to supervising 17 people is really amazing and that this is one of the better decisions that she made in her first year of being library director.

Director Report

Before presenting her director's report, Ms. McIntyre informed the board that another Neo-Nazi sticker was found in a book. We are unclear if it happened months ago or if it was new. We are keeping track of it and hope that it does not continue to happen.

Ms. McIntyre proceeded to give her director's report.

Ms. Crist asked if the general public would have an opportunity to give input on the remodel design. Ms. McIntyre said that is planned, but they would like to have some ideas in place first so they can receive feedback.

Ms. DeForest added that she and Ms. Laurin were in a meeting and brought up the issue of getting in front of the narrative. If we put the children on the third floor or in the basement, we need to talk about what the reasons were for that decision so rumors don't start running or people hearing little bits of the information and not all of it.

Ms. Crist had a comment about the annual report. She stated that she would be in favor of a professional written report. She is unsure what it would cost, or where the money would come from. We have tried it a few different ways and to do it this way might be the way to go.

Ms. Johnson added that she had clicked on the links on page 92 of the board packet and the example from the Missoula public library seems like a good fit. It contained lots of precise data that wasn't too long in pages. She also added that it would be more precise and better to share with the whole community.

Ms. McIntyre stated that she will do more research and get some pricing information.

Ms. Rice commented on the remodel design sessions. She attended a session and learned something she didn't know. If both the Friends of the Library and the AAUW book sales go away due to using the space for something else, that is going to cost library about \$20,000.

Ms. Rice also added that she wishes people would stop referring to the lower floor as the basement. If the children's department is in the lower floor, it's not going to be in what we think of as a basement. It's going to be the lower floor. That's it.

Ms. McIntyre added that the lower floor does have daylight windows.

Ms. McIntyre also added that one of the things that has been discussed is sound and how we manage sound in the library. There has been movement in libraries over the past 20 years to make them more friendly with spaces where you can collaborate and

spaces where children feel welcome to play. Parents who have autistic children don't feel like they can come to the library if their child is loud. There is evidence that one of the top five things that people come to the library for is a quiet space to study. For people who are living in crowded apartments or with big families; it is a luxury to have a quiet space. It makes the most sense to have the quiet floor be either on the third floor and the loudest be in the basement or flip those. The children's space will definitely be the loudest space. We will have a lot more feedback from Cushing Terrell once they actually have a design.

Ms. Johnson asked if Ms. McIntyre could define the difference between web page view and web sessions. Ms. McIntyre said her understanding is if she goes to a website, that is a session. If she goes to the website and clicks on nine pages, that's one session and nine page views. The views are always usually higher.

Ms. Olson added that typically, if a webpage views are high, you have good engagement on your website. If a person is clicking multiple page views, they are more engaged with the website.

Statistical Report

Ms. Johnson asked why the volunteer hours last month were significantly lower. Mr. Kueffler stated that it was the transition time between the Friends of the Library book sale and the beginning of the AAUW beginning theirs.

Ms. Bulger asked why the pages viewed on page 32 of June were so outrageously high and then everything kind of settled in. Ms. McIntyre explained there are two different statistical counting things happening. About a year ago, Google changed how their analytics worked. That is when it went from the June of 2023 to July of 2023. They changed how they counted stuff. Then, after 11 months, we changed our website and you can see it had another significant drop. One was Google and one was us getting a new website.

Personnel Report

No one had questions or comments concerning the Personnel Report.

At this point Ms. Olson moved to Old Business. Ms. Johnson asked if there was any information from the City/Library management agreement committee. Ms. Olson apologized for being off and asked Ms. Rice for the foundation report.

GFPL Foundation Report

Ms. Rice informed us that the Foundation doesn't have much activity during the summertime. The Foundation had its quarterly meeting reported on last month. The next meeting is in September.

The Foundation is starting an informational campaign that will probably begin in September. We have asked each board member to take one month and commit to two to three emails a month and maybe two or three posts to Facebook.

Ms. McIntyre added that the August board report will include the library proposals for the foundation approved projects. They get presented to the board first, then in September they will be presented to the foundation.

Chair Report

Ms. Olson stated that her report will be the City/Library Management Agreement Committee report.

Board Reports

No board reports were given.

City/Library Management Agreement Committee Report

Ms. Olson stated that she and Ms. Bulger had the opportunity to meet with the city representation and our representation this morning. We are continuing to work through some very difficult and very complex issues. The agreement is lengthy and has a lot of items in it. We are still at the table and working towards something that will work for us mutually. Ms. Olson asked if Ms. Bulger agreed with that sentiment. Ms. Bulger agreed.

Ms. Olson added that the committee will have a written report when they are ready to present where we're actually at. Currently there is nothing that either party has agreed to in terms of bringing to the full board.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: LIBRARY STANDARDS ROADMAP REVIEW – RESOURCE SHARING, TECHNOLOGY AND PERSONNEL

Ms. Olson recapped the information that was presented in the board packet. She asked if anyone had comments regarding the green listings.

Ms. Johnson had a question regarding staff training. She is unclear what account line staff training comes from.

Ms. McIntyre stated that it is in 2221 and that the library gets a very generous donation that is earmarked for training every year. We usually pay out of that. We did build up quite a bit in that account during COVID. Sending people to a physical Montana Library Association conference is really expensive; having people watch a webinar is not.

Ms. Olson asked if anyone had comments regarding the orange listings. These are things that we are not currently meeting the standard, but in all those instances, the standard is not required.

Ms. Crist commented that so many of the orange ones that we're not doing require reciprocity. It is a collaboration with other libraries in the Pathfinder Federation and since they are so different in size and scope and orientation, it doesn't make sense to spend time and energy trying to coordinate that way.

Ms. McIntyre stated that we have three sections for next month and then we'll be done. Hopefully in the next calendar year the roadmap will be changed. The Montana State Library and the Montana State Library Commission have been going through a lot of changes. The Network Advisory Council has been disbanded. Ms. McIntyre is regularly in contact with Ms. Cook and will be talking to her about what's going to be happening.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS POLICY REVIEW: PERSONNEL & EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES POLICY

Ms. Olson recapped the information that was presented in the board packet and asked for feedback.

Ms. Johnson had a question on page 45. The second line references an application that a volunteer must complete. It wasn't in the packet. Ms. Johnson asked if this application was the one that Ms. Cawley mentioned she was redoing. Ms. McIntyre confirmed it was.

Ms. Johnson asked if there should be headings at the top of the pages that are personnel and employment practices. There are a few of these categories that are general patron ones also. Computer and software usage has its own policy for patrons so that if somebody opens up the policy manual or searching that then it says this is personnel not patron. Ms. McIntyre stated that in the personnel manual it is separated into sections. Ms. Johnson understands the separate sections, but some headings are identical between patron and personnel. It may be helpful to have a heading on the top of the page that says if it is personnel or patron. Ms. McIntyre stated that a heading can be added.

Ms. Johnson had a question about the library mailing address being used for personal mail. Ms. McIntyre stated that we do that as a courtesy if somebody is ordering something and doesn't want it left on their porch. Staff can have it delivered to work as long as it doesn't interfere. We'd rather have people here than at home waiting for a package.

Ms. Olson asked for a motion upon hear no other questions.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approves the personnel and employment practices policies as presented. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment.

Richard Irving, a resident of Great Falls addressed the board. He stated that if Google Drive means cloud, almost anything saved to any cloud has been grabbed off by somebody or taken hostage by somebody. He recommends that if you are saving something it is best to save it to a hard drive inside the library rather than the cloud.

Ms. Linder-Parkinson questioned if the motion needed to say amended. Ms. Olson asked Ms. DeForest to change her motion.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approves the personnel and employment practices policies as amended. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none she asked for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: QUARTERLY TRAINING

Ms. Olson stated that we are holding off on discussing this until everybody can get the Okta part of things. The item will be moved to next month.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS: ELECTION OF OFFICERS (CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR)

Ms. Olson stated that the election of officers has always occurred in the summer months, and this has not changed recently. She explained that a few years ago there was timing issues when a new board member would join. July use to be the month that the board did not meet and when Mr. Tropila's term as chair ended it resulted in a month that the board did not have an appointed chair. Now that December is the month that the board does not meet, this should no longer be an issue.

Ms. Olson stated that she has the background from the MCA and believes we are following code and proper procedure to vote on the chair and vice chair.

Ms. Olson asked if there was a motion for chair.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees elect Ms. Whitney Olson to the position of Board Chair. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment.

Ms. Bulger added that even though it has been a tumultuous few years, Ms. Olson has handled it with grace. She also complimented how Ms. Olson handled the Vote Yes campaign for the passage of the mill levy well through the tough times.

Ms. Olson thanked Ms. Bulger for her comments.

Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson asked if there was a motion for vice chair.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees elect Ms. Anne Bulger to the position of Board Vice Chair. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment.

Sharon Patton-Griffin, a resident of Cascade County, addressed the board. She stated that she hopes that the Chair and Vice-Chair will make it clear to our city commission that the library is not the cause of the safety levy failure, nor is it the solution. The cause comes from our legislature and executive branches of our government and the solution comes from electing people to the legislative and governing branches of our government who will help Great Falls taxpayers. There is a conflation of the library and the safety levy problem. They should not be joined or connected. She asks that the chair and vice chair, whom she respects deeply and is very grateful for, hold the line.

Ms. Olson added that she has enjoyed serving with Ms. Bulger and is glad that she is up for another year of it. She feels it has been a good go and she appreciates that she can count on Ms. Bulger.

Ms. Olson asked if there was any more public or board comments. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. PROPOSALS/COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

Ms. Olson asked if there were any proposals or comments from the trustees. Upon hearing none, she asked if there was a motion for adjournment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bulger moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting.
Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson called for a vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm.