

Bozeman Public Library
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Public Safety Center
Minutes

Attendance Trustees Stewart Mohr, Pam Henley, Jennifer Pawlak & Kelley Dowdell; Bozeman Public Library (BPL) Director Susan Gregory, Assistant Library Director Kit Stephenson, Administrative Assistant Lauranna Cossins Department Heads Corey Sloan, Carmen Clark, Ellie Newell & Sarah Creech, & Foundation Director Janay Johnson

Not Present: Trustee Ken Spencer, Friends President Dana Pepper, & City Commissioner Terry Cunningham

Call to Order Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Stewart Mohr at 4:02 pm

Public Comment – no comment

Approval of the Minutes

Action Trustee Dowdell moved to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2023, meeting, Trustee Henley seconded. No further discussion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Action/ Discussion

1. Circulation Policy update- Gregory requested policy action and discussion get moved to the May Library Board meeting as the City Attorney's staff is still reviewing the changes prior to Board discussion.

Action the Board Chair agreed to move the Circulation Policy update to the May Library Board meeting.

Reports

Correspondence Director Gregory shared the following patron requests /comments:

Patron suggested opening the Teen seating area to people of all ages- the Library will open the Teen area until 3 pm to everyone during school hours. The Teen area will be reserved for teens only after 3 pm and on weekends.

A patron complimented staff member Dan Heisler for being very patient with her many questions. She appreciated his excellent customer service.

Several comments were submitted by different people about the used magazine /paperback bins no longer being available. These people would like the Library to provide this service again.

A patron asked that we get rid of all the sugary drinks in the vending machine.

Several patrons stated that the new fiction bookshelves are too low and that reading the titles on the bottom shelves is very difficult.

One patron asked that the Library create a place to donate compost.

Director and Staff Reports

Director's Report: This was provided to the Trustees prior to the meeting.

The renovation and reopening of the Library's main floor and second floor to the public on Friday, March 17th brought in lots of happy patrons who commented that they were glad to be back in the Library and appreciated the improved lighting and seating areas. Our staff has tried to keep an informal record of people's comments. Most of the comments have been very favorable. A few patrons commented that they were not impressed with the renovation.

The Bozeman Community Center project is ongoing. Strategic Services Director Jon Henderson, Parks & Recreation Director Mitch Overton and Director Gregory gave a presentation to the City Commission at their weekly meeting on March 21st on the Bozeman Community Center (BCC) project. The Commissioners asked questions about the cost, location, and level of fitness/cardio equipment for the project. The Commissioners voted unanimously, 5-0, to support the project and to include a fully developed fitness component in the recreation portion of the center.

Department Heads' Highlights – Department reports were provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

Reports

City Commission Library Liaison- Terry Cunningham – not present and no report provided

Library Foundation - Foundation Director Janay Johnson – The Foundation has acquired a 3-million-dollar donation for the Bozeman Community Center, contingent on the bond being passed in the November 2023 election. The Foundation paid for a poll to be conducted to gauge support for the Community Center. Polling just concluded and will be presented to the Board after the results are interpreted.

Friends of the Bozeman Public Library- President Dana Pepper - not present and no report provided.

Adjournment There being no further business, Chair Stewart Mohr adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Next Board meeting: date change to May 10, 2023 (Special Library Board meeting)