

Brookfield Public Library

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Library Advisory Committee Meeting
August 30, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Wilfred Brennan, Becky Davis, John Hanna, Leslie Hartoonian, Lisa Knasiak, Steve Neimac, Jennifer Oltrogge, Jennifer Perry, John Quinn, Angie Runyan, Mari Smith, Amy Dilbeck, and Sean Perkins

Members Absent:

Cindy Antene

Others Present:

Board of Trustees President Jonathan Platt, Library Director Kimberly Litland, Friends of the Library President Sandra Baumgardner and Library Administrative Assistant Linda Louise Schmidhuber.

On Wednesday, August 30, 2007, President Platt called the Library Advisory Committee meeting, to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call a quorum was determined.

Welcome, Introductions and Tour

Library Board President Platt introduced Library staff and Friends of the Library members who were present. President Platt announced the memorial service to be held for Peg Blasage on September 15, 2007.

A tour of the library was conducted by Director Litland and President Platt.

Background Information

Background information was provided in informational packets and during the physical tour of the library.

After the physical tour, President Platt offered further information and addressed questions and comments presented by committee members and attending residents regarding the purpose of the committee and the desired composition of committee.

It was suggested that the committee should encourage membership by persons such as bankers, lawyers and other business persons for their expertise relative to the purchase of land and the building of a new library.

Resident Ed Marsen stated he had decided to be a part of the Library Advisory Committee.

President Platt informed the group that there are currently three separate site studies in process but that he was not yet at liberty to offer details.

Setting of ground rules

Postponed until next meeting.

Committee formation, overview, & chair(s)

Committee members expressed they felt not ready to break into smaller components at this first meeting, nor to designate specific chairpersons. Discussions developed from the following topics, as suggested by various committee members:

- Need to identify specific tasks.
- Ideas on how to promote to the public – get stats, budgets from other communities & get feedback
- Space and planning
- Location
- Cost
- Recruitment of committee members from business/professional/corporate community
- Survey patrons/community as to what they need/want from the library.
- Survey other library professionals as to what is 'popular' in their library – access data available
- Development of an effective survey
- Members requested a copy of the results of the 2004 Community Survey to review before the next committee meeting.
- More publication of facts and figures relative to need for new library.
- Planned agendas for future meetings.
- Approach local schools regarding making a 'class project' of what is wanted in a new library.
- Approach PTA's regarding what services new library should provide to the community
- Outreach to the home schooling families
- Web-based survey vs. 'paper'.

President Platt summarized what the group had discussed and proposed that members begin recruiting of more members from professional individuals and business persons.

Board, Friends, and LAC: roles and relationships

Item not specifically discussed

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 27, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The Library Advisory Committee meeting of August 30, 2007 adjourned at 9:00 P.M.