
Library Advisory Board Minutes October 9
For Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB)

The Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB) met on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Mark Garber called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Board members present were: Rob Brading, Gwen Farnham Hyland, Stephen Feltz, Martha Gies, Molly Gloss, Rick Gustafson, Diane McKeel, Alice Meyer, Donna Oden-Orr. Board members Joe Arellano, Marian Creamer, Dean Gisvold and Virginia Koontz were excused.

Staff members present were: Molly Raphael, June Mikkelsen, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Cindy Gibbon, Penny Hummel, Rita Jimenez, Lance Murty, Vailey Oehlke, Leila Wrathall, Pat French, Yvonne Chambers, Jennifer Steward, Susie Woodward, Bill Slater and Abigail Elder.

Also in attendance were: Matthew Lashua, Commissioner Rojo de Steffey's office; Karie Trumbo, The Library Foundation; and Diane O'Malley, Friends of the Library.

The minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mark Garber informed the LAB that he attended the first Central Citizen Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) meeting in September and will share information with the LAB as the County moves further along in the budget planning process.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Martha Gies reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Pursuant to Rick Gustafson's Terms-of-Office Report, the nominating committee has negotiated the following term expiration dates for current LAB members:

New expiration dates:
Molly Gloss – December 31, 2007
Rob Brading – June 30, 2010
Donna Oden-Orr – June 30, 2008
Dean Gisvold – June 30, 2008

The committee is continuing to negotiate term expiration dates for current LAB members and will investigate potential candidates for recommendation to the LAB.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

North Portland-area Siting Process:

The first “new” North Portland siting meeting has taken place. Pursuant to Commissioner Cogen’s request, a third siting meeting has been scheduled as an additional opportunity for the members of the North Portland community to provide input on site selection.

“New” North Portland siting meetings are currently scheduled as follows:

Monday, **October 11, 6:00 to 8:00 pm**
North Portland Library (512 N. Killingsworth, Portland)

Tuesday, **November 13, 6:00 to 8:00 pm**
Kenton Firehouse (8105 N. Brandon, Portland)

Troutdale Siting Committee:

Diane McKeel reported on behalf of the Troutdale Siting Committee. The committee met on September 17th for an update on the sites that are currently under consideration.

The Troutdale public siting meeting is scheduled as follows:

Monday, **October 29, 6:00 to 8:00 pm**
Troutdale City Conference Building (223 Buxton Ave., Troutdale)

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Molly highlighted the adult summer reading program at MCL which is offered in conjunction with the popular children’s summer reading program. She also mentioned the upcoming Teen Author Lecture and Tapestry of Tales Storytelling Festival. A thank you was extended to The Library Foundation for helping make these events possible.

Molly focused attention to the summer reading program report for 2007, prepared by Katie O’Dell, Reading Promotions Coordinator. Electronic copies of the report were forwarded to LAB members with the October Board Meeting packet.

Cindy Gibbon, Access Services Coordinator and Jennifer Steward, Circulation Analyst gave a demonstration of on-line bill pay, a new feature available to patrons on the library’s website for paying library fines.

LIBRARY FUNDING TASK FORCE (LFTF)

Rick Gustafson reported on behalf of the Library Funding Task Force. The next meeting is October 17. Liz Kaufman, political consultant, will be joining the meeting. Liz has worked on several previous library levy campaigns.

The Task Force continues to work towards developing a recommendation for the Board of County Commissioners.

Dean Gisvold has prepared a preliminary draft report for the members of the Task Force to revise, the first step in the process of preparing the committee's recommendation. Dean will present the Task Force's recommendation to the LAB before it goes to the BCC.

Becky Cobb, Support Services Manager for the library, reported that Chair Wheeler held a briefing to the BCC on some of his top initiatives and priorities. Becky reported to the BCC, giving them a brief update on the work of the Library Funding Task Force.

FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION UPDATE

Diane O'Malley reported on behalf of the Friends of the Library. The Annual Friends Book Sale took place recently. The Friends are very positive about the results of the sale. She also mentioned the Friends Library Store at Central Library. Used book sales are going very well there, and they are offering holiday gifts for purchase. The Friends continue to seek volunteers to work in the store.

Faith Danforth attended on behalf of The Library Foundation. There was no report, due to August being a quiet month for The Foundation.

GOOD & WELFARE

Gwen Farnham Hyland commended library staff at Central Library for their performance during the recent opening event for the Timberline 70th Anniversary Exhibit in the Collins Gallery.

Immediately following the meeting, LAB members made their way to the second floor lobby to view George Jacobson's recent art installation. Vailey Oehlke, Central Library Director gave a brief introduction.

The next LAB meeting will be on November 13, 2007. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.