

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Prudence Doherty, Jessica Wignall, and Lauren Read

City Staff Present: Nate Eddy, Ray Coffey

Guests Present: None

Call to Order by: N. Eddy

Meeting Start Time: 6:37 PM

Minutes Recorded by: J. Wignall

II. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Decision: Approved

Motion by: P. Doherty

Second: L. Read

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Committee Member Updates

Congrats to N. Eddy on being awarded the 2023 Sarah Hagar award from the Vermont Library Association.

V. Library Updates

Programming: Regular suite of youth programming continues including STEAM, storytime, playgroup, Pokemon Club, monthly graphic novel club, and weekly visits to Thrive. First Friday series of the month will be Karaoke this Friday. Also will be installing a new StoryWalk at Richards Park.

On the adult side, ESL and tech assistance in partnership with USCRI, monthly writing and book club groups, and visits to Our Lady of Providence. April is also National Poetry Month and the roving typewriter will be popping up at the Senior Center, Misery Loves Co., Rosies, and at the WSD Library. On April 29th the library will host a seed swap with the Rec department and have a raffle of giveaways. P. Doherty to give some items.

Monthly Stats: Overall numbers were up for March; P. Doherty approved the annual report and it has been filed with the state.

Staffing: Kirsten Wilson returned from the Public Library Youth Services Leadership Summit in

Ft. Lauderdale; One P/T clerk will be leaving for FT employment on 5/13 – hopeful Donna is able to return from leave to fill the gap. Other P/T sub going out on medical leave and will have a new sub filling in. Sometimes other City staff from Community Services have to assist in order to fill library staffing shortages.

Grants: Needs assessment submitted to VT Dept of Libraries for the U.S. Treasury Capital Projects Fund for Libraries – Winooski Library anticipates asking for \$2M from this funding opportunity to support renovation and construction costs of the proposed Champlain Housing Trust build-out. Grant will most likely open for submissions in a month or two.

VI. Building Updates

Estimating \$20M for renovations; library anticipates asking for \$2M from Vermont Library grant funding; operationally, the sale of the building and renovation is anticipated to have a neutral impact on the City budget.

Meeting again with CHT re: costs and purchases and planning for renovations

Renderings are available from CHT architect and from the City's perspective, the library is being prioritized

Renderings have different options and configurations and city staff are evaluating for potential utility in light of needs.

City is working through zoning considerations for the project.

VII. Youth Committee Member Position Description

Council approved Charter change.

Committee reviewed changes suggested by Council to the position description; J. Wignall made a motion to approve changes, P. Doherty seconded, Committee approved.

N. Eddy will share updated language with Paul Sarne, Communications Director.

N. Eddy will share youth member opportunity w/ School Library Commissioners.

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. Adjourn

Decision: Approve

Motion by: P. Doherty

Second: L. Read

Adjourn: 7:55 PM