



Library Expansion Task Force Minutes

March 18, 2015, 6:00 PM
Pond House

Meeting called by: Scott Barbur, Library Expansion Task Force Chairperson

Task Force members present: Paul Klein, Melissa Perkins, Karin Power, Kathi Schroeder, Jon Stoll, Ed Zumwalt, Bill Monahan, Katie Newell.

Absent: Nancy Avery, Greg Chaimov, Ryan Healy, Tom Hogan, Nancy Wittig.

Call to order: Scott called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the February 4th meeting were approved.

Old Business

1. What was done?
Flash drives with the needs assessment completed by FFA and presented to Council July 2, 2013, were distributed.
2. Where we are now?
Council work session on April 7th will be devoted to discussing council goals. The Library expansion will be on their list, but not known to what extent. No matter what, we need to be visible and educate the public of our needs and what we can do for them.

New Business

1. Options moving forward
Katie wants a survey done, but wants to capture people who are not necessarily library users, to find out what would bring them to the Library. Perhaps have the survey on the City's website?
There have been requests from people for services in their neighborhoods. There are ways to accomplish that without building branches. Suggestions for remote sites were the Wichita Center and Milwaukie Center.
Stakeholders need to be identified and met with, including NDAs, Rotary, Kiwanis, Elks.

It was recommended that we ask FFA to attend our May 20th meeting to go over their work two years ago and how it can be used moving forward. Katie will contact them.

a. Consultant on bond

Before we do that, we are going to see where we are, present to Council our options, hone things down to what they'd support.

b. How much citizens will pay for library?

Katie will ask the Finance Director how much an increase per month different bonds will cost and check with other library directors for what bonds passed around the state for library expansions.

2. Time Line

One needs to be developed. It was voted on to aim for November 2016 for a bond measure. This will be tight.

It was decided to have next month's meeting be a brainstorming meeting before meeting with FFA in May. Scott will not be able to attend; Melissa will chair the meeting. Paul recommended having 90 minute meetings for the next couple of months until we see if November 2016 can be achieved.

Public input

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting: 6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

Please contact Katie at 503-786-7584 or newellk@milwaukieoregon.gov if you cannot attend the meeting.