

**EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

Thursday, July 30, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Singer Room, Downtown Library, 100 West 10th

**Present:** Chelsea Clinton, Kerry Delf, Joe Gonzales, Kelly Johnson, Sharon Posner, Connie Regali, and Beth Walsh.

**Staff:** Connie Bennett, Renee Grube, LaVena Nohrenberg,

**Guests:** Students from a University of Oregon Planning and Public Policy Management class: Kathryn Gerber, Catherine Lagomarsino, Noreen Miller, Lisa Pullins, Natalie Ross, and Glenna Unfred

1. Called to Order and Introductions.
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda – none.
3. Approval of May Minutes – approved.
4. Public comment – none.
5. Election of Officers: Chelsea Clinton was elected Chair, and Kerry Delf was elected Vice-chair.
6. Reports:
  - i. Library Services Director: On July 13<sup>th</sup> Council decided to put five year local option levy on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot; the levy generate \$2.7 million dollars to supplement library services. The City of Eugene's attorney drafted the question and summary, which was posted for public comment or challenge. The comment period ends on 7/30/15, as of the meeting no challenges were submitted. The Library's role is to provide neutral information; printed material is reviewed by the City attorney and the Secretary of State's office to ensure neutrality. Election law parameters will guide the actions of Library staff, volunteers, and Advisory Board members. As Board Members, when you are doing the business of the Board (e.g. speaking to a group as a Library Advisory Board member), you are also bound by the election law. As a private citizen, it is okay for you to share your thoughts or participate in public action committees. No public funds (staff time, facilities, computer equipment, etc.) can support election activity. Connie will email Advisory Board members more detailed information.

The Library's is having another successful Summer Reading program, which is supported by the Friends of the Library. If kids don't read during the summer, they can be four months behind where they were at the end of the school year. As an incentive, every young child and teen who signs up for Summer Reading receives a free book. Adults are also offered something a little different in the summer; upon sign-up they receive a wrist band USB drive and a coupon for coffee or at the Bookstore, in addition to being entered into a raffle for Unique Eugene gift certificates when they write reviews.

Preparations for makerspace programs continue. At the Foundation's Booked for the Evening event last year, they raised funds for a 3D printer. We are now starting to acquire additional equipment and make plans for classes and lab time where the public can use the equipment. Two rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor are being reconfigured to become our Maker Hub, which is where most of the maker opportunities will be offered. Additionally, some of the equipment is mobile so we will also offer programs in the Bascom, Tykeson, and Singer rooms.

ii. LRCS Executive Director: Project 365 has a goal of getting 400 vets housed in 365 days; currently 200 vets are housed. Introduced a Park Ambassador program, helping to keep the parks welcoming and when appropriate connecting people with social service resources. The City is looking at a community court system to handle the cases involving livability crimes; it could hold the individuals accountable and keep them engaged with the community, while also

reducing some of the court system back-log.

The Regional Economic Prosperity Plan covers a number of strategies for economic development in our community; the plan is developed by officials from the City of Eugene, City of Springfield, Lane County, University of Oregon, and others. The Library is a part of our economic development: early literacy and success in school, workshops for job seekers, information for small businesses, etc.

A smoke free downtown conversation continues; a proposal may be submitted to the City Council in September. Smoking is the number 1 cause of death in Lane County, and it is the most preventable.

iii. Eugene Public Library Foundation: Five new Foundation Board members have been elected. On August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Foundation is holding a "Pints for a Cause" event at Ninkasi Brewery. The annual "Booked for the Evening" event is September 11<sup>th</sup>. The fundraising focus for that evening is children's literacy, with an emphasis on the Imagination Library program that's supported by the Foundation.

iv. Friends of EPL: Held a successful mini-sale in July, and on August 24<sup>th</sup> holding another mini-sale with a focus on educational materials that might be of interest to teachers or parents. The Friends had a Pint for a Cause event at Ninkasi Brewery on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

7. Info share and Announcements: The group decided that the current meeting time (6:00-7:30 p.m.) and schedule (every other month) still works.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, September 17, 2015, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Singer Room