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Present: Fred Baldwin, Shelby Campion, Dick Raymond, Rick Slaven, David White, Kevin O'Leary

Staff Present: Bill Baars, Beverly Ross

Excused: Ann Pritchard

Others: Councilor Donna Jordan, Mayor Jack Hoffman

The Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chair Fred Baldwin at 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 2010.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2010 minutes.

Dick Raymond made a motion, seconded by Shelby Campion, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2010 minutes. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Mayor Jack Hoffman

Mayor Hoffman thanked the Board for their service. The City Council wants to develop a closer working relationship with the Boards and Commissions. He was there to listen to any LAB concerns and to share the goals, issues, and work program of the City Council from his perspective:

- The Library is an important part of the City and its needs are at the top of the Council's agenda.
- Finances are a challenge as the City is bound by property taxes and they do not go up as much as expenses.
- The City's infrastructure work will include the completion of the sewer project next year, the Tigard and Lake Oswego water project, maintaining the roads and streets, surface water project, clean streams project, protection of natural resources and the green program, Foothills redevelopment and streetcar project.
- The City now has an Economic Development Director who will be working with businesses and the Chamber of Commerce.
- In moving the City forward the Council's projects include the final phase of the Millennium Plaza project, continued studies of the First & B street redevelopment plan which could include a new library, the Lake Grove Plan including the roads, decisions on the West End Building regarding its use and financing, City facilities evaluations and upgrades.
- The Council is updating the Comprehensive Plan to be a 20 year blueprint for the City. This will be a community project and the Council will involve the LAB and other Boards. The Council will also review the Development Code.
- Housing choices in Lake Oswego is an issue the Council would like to address.
- The City Centennial celebration has begun and will continue throughout the year.

Mayor Hoffman told the LAB that the Council appreciates the work that the Board does for the community and would like the group to become more engaged. Mayor Hoffman will work with LAB Chair Baldwin on some issues and will ask for future reports in an effort to keep the two way communication lines open.

6. Director's Report

Library Director Bill Baars gave the Director's report as follows:

- An article was printed in the *Oregonian* on March 4 entitled "Lake Oswego Looks to North End for Library Redevelopment". A six to eight month study will look at how the Library could provide an economic benefit in this redevelopment project.
- The City is continuing work on the budget. The decision was made for the 2009-10 budget that the \$900,000 of additional funding due to the passage of the County Library District Measure be put in reserve for a new Library. How these additional funds will be dispersed for the upcoming budget year has not been determined by the City Council.
- The Public Library Association (PLA) Conference will be held in Portland on March 23 through March 27. This is a national conference that is held every two years. Several staff members will take advantage of the

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proximity of this year's event and attend the conference. City Manager, Alex McIntyre, has been asked to join other funding leaders and speak at the conference as part of a Library funding session. Bill Baars and librarian, Carissa Barrett, will be presenting a program entitled "Two Minute Reviews of Recent Works by Northwest Authors".

- Baars has met with groups from the Friends of the Library. Several of the Friends officers are former LAB members and they would like to be involved in any plans for a new library. The Friend's board would like to meet with the LAB. With the Board's approval, Baars will arrange for the Friend's group to attend an upcoming LAB meeting.
- On March 2, the Friends generously approved \$25,000 in grants to the Library.

7. Chair's Report

Chair Fred Baldwin gave the Chair's report as follows:

- The Farmer's Market will open in May and a signup sheet will be available at the next LAB meeting for volunteers to staff the Library booth. Baldwin encourages the Board to participate in this event as it is a great opportunity to meet the public and represent the Library.

8. LO Reads

Bill Baars and Fred Baldwin gave the report on LO Reads:

- LO Reads concluded the end of February and was a great success. A record number of programs were held throughout the City. The Steering Committee will meet on March 31 to recap the event and discuss what went well and what should be changed. LO Reads takes a year of planning and begins with the selection of the book. The Steering Committee is accepting suggestions now for titles to be considered for the 2011 event.

9. New Business

Councilor Donna Jordan reiterated Mayor Hoffman's message that the LAB is an advisory to the City Council on Library issues. If there are things that the LAB feels the Council needs to know about, they should contact her, as the Council Liaison, and she will take it back to the Council. Conversely, it is Councilor Jordan's job to give the LAB the information from the Council when there are important opportunities for LAB involvement. This is an effort to have the Board be part of an interactive operation. Chair Baldwin appreciated Mayor Hoffman's and Councilor Jordan's message and their recognition of the LAB.

10. Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Ross
Recording Secretary