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Present: David White, Dick Raymond, David Short, Rick Slaven, Kevin O'Leary

Staff Present: Bill Baars, Cyndie Glazer, Beverly Ross

Excused: Fred Baldwin, Shelby Campion, Ann Pritchard

Others: Sidaro Sin, City Senior Planner

The Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Vice Chair David White at 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2010.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Introductions

None

3. Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2010 minutes.

Rick Slaven made a motion, seconded by Dick Raymond, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting. The motion carried.

4. Public Comment

None

5. LO 2030-Comprehensive Plan Update

Sidaro Sin, City Senior Planner, joined the LAB as a follow up to his meeting with them last month when he advised them about the City's Comprehensive Plan Update. His purpose for this meeting is to get feedback from the LAB on the Draft Vision Statement that he presented last month. Sin also wanted to let the LAB know that the City Council wants to create a Steering Committee to guide the process. It will be comprised of members from Boards and Commissions, a Council member, and three at large positions. Sin said the details are still being worked out but the committee will have 13 members. He hopes to have a recommendation of who might like to volunteer from the LAB to serve on this committee. He expects meetings will be twice a month for the first three months and then once a month for the duration. The charge of this committee would be to develop a public engagement process, develop different goals and policies, and make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council.

David White suggested an addition to Draft Vision Statement. Schools and educational opportunities should be included. He recommended the second to last paragraph be amended to ***We provide a variety of quality recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities. Lake Oswego is a center for entertainment and culture, crowned by the arts center and a new library.*** Baars agreed with White on the additions but also wanted to include educational and informational opportunities. Baars said the Vision could paraphrase the Library's Mission Statement by adding *the Library will take a leadership role in providing services and programs to meet the informational, cultural and recreational needs of the community.*

White suggested another change in the Draft Vision Statement. The first paragraph should be amended to read ***Our downtown areas are the center of our city.*** White reasoned that what follows in that paragraph is not limited to the downtown close to First Addition, but to all areas throughout the City.

Vice Chair White said because there were some Board members absent for this meeting it would be appropriate to give them the opportunity to consider volunteering for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. He would like to continue this discussion at the June meeting. Sin said he is working on a work plan draft for the Steering Committee which will give a greater understanding of what is expected of the members. He will send this to Baars when it is complete and Baars can forward it to the LAB. Sin said he needs to know who would like to volunteer by the end of June.

6. Director's Report

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

- The 2010 Hennen's American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR) has just been published and the Lake Oswego Library has scored the highest state ranking for the seventh year in a row.
- Baars sadly reported that Ann Pritchard has submitted her resignation from the LAB due to her serious ill health. Baars said Pritchard has been a wonderful addition to the LAB and will be greatly missed.
- The Budget Committee continues to meet to review the City's Proposed Budget. The Budget Committee will

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deliberate and make recommended changes and then send the budget to the City Council for its review. The Council is expected to make further adjustments and vote on an Adopted Budget on June 15. Baars will keep the LAB informed on the decisions of the Budget Committee.

- On Friday, May 14, Fred Baldwin is opening a family operated wine store called World Class Wines. The store is located in downtown Lake Oswego and a portion of the opening day proceeds will be donated to the Library. Baars thanks Baldwin for his kind generosity and support of the Library.
- The results of the recently conducted Lake Oswego 2010 Community Attitudes Survey have not been made public but preliminary results were shared with City Department Heads. The Library was once again rated to be of high importance in the community.
- A First & B Steering Committee has been appointed by the Lake Oswego Redevelopment Agency. Their charge is to evaluate whether the Library would be an economic benefit to the downtown area if it were moved to First & B Avenue. The Committee hopes to have their report ready by September or October.
- Baars said the circulation figures are down this year because of the new computer system installed at Network. Network continues to work on the system and make improvements but it is a different system and trying to incorporate the old with the new has been frustrating. With a new benchmark set, Baars expects circulation numbers to go up this next year.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, May 21. The number of volunteers the Library has is over 500 and the number of hours they have contributed is equal to 6.5 full time employees.

7. Chair's Report

Vice Chair David White gave the Chair's report in Fred Baldwin's absence:

- The Farmer's Market sign up sheet is complete and White has volunteered to provide additional help on opening day, May 16, as the crowd is expected to be large. Glazer will send email reminders to those who have signed up.

8. LO Reads

Cyndie Glazer gave the report on LO Reads:

- The LO Reads Steering Committee is reading the three suggested books and the next meeting is planned for the end of May.

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Ross
Recording Secretary