

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
Library Commission
October 20, 2021
4:01 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Library Commission was held Wednesday October 20, 2021, in the Auditorium, Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Clerk's Note: In the absence of Chair Nutter and Vice-Chair Hannon, Clerk Wittenkeller called the meeting to order. The Commission nominated Commissioner Matthews to serve as Chair pro tem. Commissioner Matthews accepted the nomination and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

There were present appearing telephonically and in person:

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| Mary Matthews | Karen Fox |
| Nicole Eiseman | Elyse Guttenberg |
| Charles Simmons | Maida Buckley |

Comprising a quorum of the Commission, and

Sharon Wittenkeller, Administrative Assistant III, Clerk
Melissa Harter, Library Director
Renee Van Nort, Administration Manager

Absent & Excused

Jeff Jacobson Robert Hannon, Vice-Chair Rex Nutter, Chair

MESSAGES

1.a. Citizen's Comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing.

NONE

1.b. Citizen's Comments on items other than those appearing on the agenda.

NONE

2. Disclosure & Statement of Conflict of Interest

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

BUCKLEY,
Seconded by FOX

moved to approve the agenda and consent
agenda as read.

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

Yeses: Matthews, Simmons, Eiseman, Fox,
Guttenberg, Buckley

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED 6 Yeses, 0 Noes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. *Library Commission meeting minutes of September 15, 2021.

Without objection this measure was read by title and approved under the consent agenda.

REPORTS

1. Melissa Harter, Library Director, Report.

Melissa Harter, Library Director, provided a status update on library expansion fundraising efforts, staff training and classes, staffing issues, library usage stats, current programming, North Pole library events, patron volunteer efforts to provide childcare tax credit assistance, partnership efforts with the Center for Non-Violent Living, and reviewed resources on the library webpage.

Questions and discussion ensued on the lights off warning at the end of library hours, the responsible party for foster children library cards, fundraising, grants, and CARES act funds.

2. Kitty Berner, Reference Librarian, Report.

No report provided, as Ms. Berner was not available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review and Make Recommendations to Mayor Ward to Approve Updating the Fairbanks North Star Borough Libraries' Patron Conduct and Internet Use Policies.

Melissa Harter, Library Director, provided an overview of the edits made to the Patron Conduct and Internet Use Policies. The Commission provided comment on the edits and minor clerical errors.

The commission discussed the importance of all members being allowed the opportunity to review, comment and vote on the policy updates. Discussion ensued on postponing further review and discussion to the November 17, 2021 meeting.

SIMMONS,
Seconded by BUCKLEY

moved to postpone agenda item G.1. to a date and time certain of November 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE AGENDA ITEM G.1. TO A DATE AND TIME CERTAIN OF NOVEMBER 17, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M.

Yeses:

Matthews, Simmons, Guttenberg, Fox, Buckley, Eiseman

Noes:

None

MOTION CARRIED

6 Yeses, 0 Noes

EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

NONE

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Eiseman informed the Commission of the State of Alaska redistricting taking place, which occurs every ten years and how it affects Fairbanks' representation in Juneau. She also mentioned Gary Paulson, Newbery Award winner just passed away, and noted Mr. Paulson was responsible for bringing in many young readers into the library.

Commissioner Guttenberg commented on a job well done on the Women's Suffrage display in the entrance of the Noel Wien Library.

Commissioner Buckley thanked Commissioner Matthews for stepping in to chair the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Library Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

APPROVED: November 17, 2021