

AGENDA LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD LONGMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM  
409 FOURTH AVENUE Monday, February 24, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Cynthia Keller, presiding in lieu of .

Roll Call: Present were Board Members Cathy Balan, Katie Fuller, Catherine Fink-Johnson, and Cynthia Keller; Library Director Nancy Kerr, and Councilmember Tim Waters. Absent was Boardmember Mark Springfield.

Approval of minutes

- a. The minutes of require signature Monday, January 27, 2020. They were amended, approved, and signed.

2. Reports and Information Items

a. Library Director's Report

- Several members of the Library staff will attend the PLA Conference in Nashville, attending a diverse array of relevant seminars.
- Nancy referred the smashed LFLs to Wayne Tomac, in Neighborhood Resources.
- Council meetings will be held at the library through June, due to construction. A few grants are on the CC agenda (\$26k State grant and a partnership grant for an electric car charging station in garage).
- Concrete project at East entrance has been delayed, due to new issues discovered in the process of making known repairs. Engineering work may be required.
- Wynell Webster started as a new supervisor, coming from Grand Junction where she was managing small library branches.
- Now hiring Campus Attendant, to be stationed at Roosevelt Park.
- Incident reports will now be logged in a new online system that allows searching within the database.

b. Friends of the Library Report

- Friends will meet Weds, 2/26/20.

c. Council Liaison Report by Councilmember Tim Waters, including the following points discussed at the Council retreat:

- The Planning Department will turn the STEAM documents into real projects. They are awaiting a second phase of the Feasibility Report to come in April 2020.
- Among the ideas is an expansion of institutions of higher learning in the

Opportunity Zone.

- The Council also discussed the potential Performing Arts Center and the feasibility of a full-service hotel. The study shows that a full-service hotel could not be supported by Longmont so a convention center is unlikely.
- Discussion of progress on Early Education and Childcare goal, including development of diverse advocates.
- On March 27th, Gov. Polis will come to discuss early childhood education with the business community and explain why members should invest in ECC. The film, *No Small Matter*, will be screened and Gov. Polis will speak at 9am.
- The City Council is also adding a goal related to the “Silver Tsunami”/aging well and how to manage the growing needs of the Baby Boomer generation.
- The debate on how to finance workforce housing continues. Currently, 54,000 residents are paying more than 50% of income for housing which is unsustainable. Councilmember Waters wants to increase affordable housing stock.
- The city is about to announce economic development “successes.” Councilmember Waters suggested that, if Longmont does not continue to grow in the ways the Council is proposing, citizens’ tax dollars will go to other communities.
- Board member Keller asked about the timeline for the City’s feasibility study.

### 3. Old Business

#### a. Little Free Libraries: Cathy Balan

- Catherine Fink-Johnson will attend to the LFLs in March, if we decide to keep stocking them.
- They are missing doors and so books need to be placed strategically to protect them.
- The Board is considering not repairing and/or moving the LFLs to different locations.

#### b. Feasibility Study Status Update from Director Kerr

- The citywide survey is now closed; there were 1500+ surveys and two strongly attended meetings. The majority of respondents wrote a lot of comments and fully completed the survey, which is unusual according to the consultants.
  - Many people wanted more book drops throughout the city, quiet reading rooms, and a general update of the facilities.
- The consultants are working on data analysis at this time, including looking at how we compare to peer libraries.

- Another consultant is doing initial financial modeling.
- The first analysis of the data should arrive early March and then another meeting in April (possibly 4.8.20?) will be held with stakeholders to help analyze the data.
- Though attendance at the meeting in January was minimal, Director Kerr suggested that more people may attend future meetings once there are possible directions the Library may go in.

c. Library grounds maintenance update

- The Library is not responsible for the construction on the West side of the building and the Book Drop was not lowered.

4. New Business

a. Next meeting date was March 23, 2020, but since it is during Spring Break we are tentatively moving it to March 30, 2020, instead. Director Kerr will email us to confirm the change once she consults with Boardmember Springfield, who is not in attendance tonight.

Public comments -- no comments.

Library Board comments -- no comments.

Adjournment at 7:40pm.