



LIBRARY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, July 16, 7:45 am
New North End Branch, Fletcher Free Library
Minutes

Present: Gale Batsimm, Peter Berghoef, Sally Blanchard-O'Brien, Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Emily Copeland, Chol Dhoor, Sam Doherty, Samantha Donalds, Patrick Halladay, Cate MacLachlan, Amy Mellencamp, Wells Shelley, Nick Tatakis,, Mona Tolba.

Approval of minutes: from May 14. Cate MacLachlan moved, Chol Dhoor seconded, approved.

Approval of agenda: Patrick Halladay moved, Sally Blanchard-O'Brien seconded, approved.

Public Forum: No public in attendance.

Welcome to New and Returning Commissioners and Trustees: Chol Dhoor and Mona Tolba are renewing their terms as trustees, Sally Blanchard-O'Brien has accepted another term as commissioner, Becca Thompson as staff commissioner, Sam Doherty as student liaison, and Wells Shelley has joined as a new student liaison to the commission.

Friends of FFL Report:

- Friends are working on MoU with the City.
- Friends are not accepting books due to the construction. They are working on new fundraisers, including an outdoor pop-up book sale on July 23rd for Passeggiata.

Director's Report:

- Library launched Libcal for website calendar and registration system.
- Loss of Financial Assistant position has impacted various departments.
- Withdrawal of NEH grant and rising costs created a funding gap for historic preservation project; impact fees and support from the Friends could fill this gap. Historic Preservation work will continue into December, work is on or ahead of schedule.

Staff Update: Peter provided an update on Technical Services.

Subcommittee update:

- Strategic Planning Committee presented the 2025-2028 Strategic Direction document and the commission provided edits.

New/Other Business: Next meeting is Wednesday, September 17, 7:45am

Adjournment: Cate MacLachlan moved, Patrick Halladay seconded. Approved.