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## LIBRARY BOARD Working Session Friday, November 17, 2017, 3:00 pm – Minutes

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### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm

### Attendees:

Joann Perko, Bev Scheer, Catherine Davis, Ian Whittington, Ann Kling, Rochelle Brotsky, Casey Lansinger, Katie Scherer

### Items for Discussion:

- I. **Signs on Property**
  - a. Since the library owns the property, the sign will remain on the property. Director Kling will speak with the Owner's Rep to see if the 'Pending Voter Approval' banner can be removed.
- II. **Meeting to Public Allow Input On Why People Voted No/Yes**
  - a. In a continuing effort by the Library Board and Library Staff to gather public input from the community, the Library Board would like to hear input from the community on why people voted the way they did. A public input agenda item will be added to the November Board Meeting so input will be timely.
- III. **Expanding Library District to Include All Windsor**
  - a. There are approximately 4500 people who live outside of the Clearview Library District but are within the city limits of Windsor and are also not part of any other library district.
  - b. It may be possible to add expansion of the library district to the Windsor town election in April.
  - c. Director Kling will speak to Counsel Rose on next steps.
- IV. **Open Board Member Positions**
  - a. If the library elects to put the proposed new library on the November 2018 ballot, then the by-laws do state that board members with term limits may have their terms extended until any projects have completed. Both Board Members Perko and Scheer's terms are up at the end of 2017 and both desire to stay on to continue with the potential 2018 ballot issue.
  - b. Board Member Brotsky is interested in a permanent position if a position becomes available.
  - c. Director Kling and Counsel Rose will discuss next steps involving input from the Town and School Boards.
- V. **2018 Ballot Issue**
  - a. The Library Board will continue to keep the option of a 2018 November ballot issue open.
- VI. **Pros/Cons of Pursing a 2018 Ballot Issue**
  - a. Pros
    - i. The School and Fire Department have decided not to be on the November 2018 ballot
    - ii. Voter turnout in 2018 will be larger since it there will be a Governor election on the ballot
    - iii. The Campaign Team and the Library Board have learned a great deal about running a campaign
    - iv. Campaign volunteers are still interested in putting forth the effort for a 2018 campaign

- v. There will be an additional year of infrastructure and development on the east end of town (Blue Ocean is moving forward with rebuilding the Mill; and sidewalks may be added along Main Street to the intersection of 257)
  - vi. We would have more time to educate the public and the staff on the need for a new library
  - vii. The building design is complete
  - viii. Additional financing options can be explored
  - ix. Part-Time Foundation Director has been included in 2018 budget
  - x. The Library Foundation is in support of the library campaign
  - xi. The Library Staff supports the idea of keeping the library option open
  - xii. We have the opportunity to partner even more with the towns and schools on ways the new library could be of service
  - xiii. We have the opportunity better educate the staff and the community – cost breakdown on the new library (building, parking lot, infrastructure, collections, technology, etc), decision-making process undertaken with the town to select the current location, challenges and limitations of the current library size/location, etc.
- b. Cons
- i. The Foundation Director position has not be filled
  - ii. There are several open positions on the Foundation Board
  - iii. Construction costs will increase in 2018
  - iv. Training needs to be developed for staff and community
- c. Decision
- i. The Library Board has elected to not close out the campaign and will keep the option of a 2018 Ballot Issue on the table.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Board Member Whittington to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Board Member Scheer and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Next Board Meeting Thursday, November 30, 2017, 5:30 pm.



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CALL TO ORDER

REVIEW OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS      Next Steps for the Clearview Library District

ADJOURN

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