



LIBRARY BOARD Working Session Monday, July 23, 2018, 5:30pm – Minutes

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Joann Perko

ATTENDING Joann Perko, Bev Scheer, Rochelle Brotsky, Jeremy Rose, Katie Scherer, Ian Whittington, Don McLeod, Matthew Gordon, Michelle Duda, Bruce Florquist, Dennis “Zeke” Kane, Frank Baszler, Michael Jenner, Nicholas Wharton, Alison Koster

NEW BUSINESS

Welcome presented by Joann Perko

Presentation by Library Director Ann Kling

District Background

Library Formed in 1985

Same boundaries at RE4 School District (Windsor (Weld County), Severance, West Greeley)

Mill Levy currently 3.546 collected on property within the district

Current mill was approved in 2001 by the voters. There has been no increase since 2001.

Only funding comes from Property Tax and Specific Ownership tax

Growth of the District

Current Library was built in 1997

Population of Windsor in 2000 = 9,896

Population of Severance in 2000 = 597

Population of Windsor in 2010 = 18,644

Population of Severance in 2010 = 3,165

Population Now

Windsor’s growth since 2010 is at 35.68% and Severance’s growth is at 35%

Windsor = 25,296

Severance = 4,272

Library Visits, Circulation and Program Attendance numbers have increased dramatically since 1997 & 2009

Employees of the library

1997= 10 people

2009= 23 people

Now= 43 people

Outreach Services to Severance

-Town Hall, Rangeview Elementary, Lakeview Park

32% of Library District's Outreach Programming is currently dedicated to Severance

304 out of 943 programs held between May 2017 and May 2018 were held in Severance

Library Card Holders in Severance

Total Population = 4,180

Number of card holders in Severance = 2125

Current active cardholders in Severance = 860 (active cardholder= used the card at least once in last year)

% of cardholders in Total Population 51%

% of Active cardholders in Total Population 21%

Library card holders in Windsor

Total population = 26,333

Number of cardholders in Windsor = 18,215

Number of active cardholders in Windsor = 6,968

% of cardholders in Total Population = 69%

% of Active cardholders in Total Population = 26%

Presentation: Process for Successful Branch Libraries presented by Joann Perko

-Start with a Main Library

-Plan for growth

-Analyze what communities need

-Look for opportunities to partner with local government or private partnerships

Need for a Main Library

Current library is 17,500 sq ft and it cannot be expanded

A branch of 12,500 sq ft was estimated to cost \$6,762,500 without the cost of the land in Nov 2017

There is a need for:

-Dedicated children's area

-Meeting Rooms

-More parking

-Quiet reading/working space

-Computer lab

-Staff work space large enough to accommodate staff

- Makerspace
- More suitable bus garage
- Location that is central to the entire District and connected to trail system while visible on Main Street
- Larger area for library collection
- Dedicated teen space
- Larger area for large meetings and programs, current space is only suitable for 80 people max
- More square footage. Current = 17,500 New = 38,000

Current Library Budget

Revenue Total - 2018 Budget = 2,730,298

Expense Total - 2018 Budget = 2,729,956

Net Income - 2018 Budget = 342

Benefits of USDA loan:

- Low interest rates
- 40 years to pay it back
- Once approved the rate is locked in for several years

The USDA loan still requires voters to approve a funding increase.

Brainstorming and discussion about how to work together

- What will make the residents of Severance feel they are a valued part of the District?
- What are the plans in Severance for a Recreation Center?
- What other possibilities are there for a shared facility for the future?

- I. Discussion ensued about having the community aspect of the library brought to Severance
- II. Discussion ensued about the question: If the library board decides to go to the voters in November what would they be asking for?
- III. Discussion ensued regarding the question of whether Severance will get fair and equitable services
- IV. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of getting a Severance branch in 10 years or less
 - a. See if a Builder will help build it
 - b. See if we can do a recreation center combined with a library
 - c. See if there is a possibility of having a branch over a retail space (like Council Tree)
- V. Discussion ensued regarding the question: If you go to voters and it does not pass what will the next plan be?
- VI. Discussion ensued regarding the question: Is there a place in Colorado that has a similar set up to our District?
- VII. Discussion ensued regarding the question: What does the Fort Collins library situation look like? Is it similar?
 - a. Council Tree branch is over retail
 - b. One branch is in conjunction with the community college

- c. The main library is downtown
- VIII. Discussion ensued about the Library Board wanting to have an open dialog about options and opportunities as well as the desire to stop misinformation from being circulated
- IX. Discussion ensued about how the Friends of the Library are canvassing and asking if voters would vote for a new library. The volunteers hear many different things but overall the comments are positive.
- X. Discussion ensued about how the location of the possible new library is right in the middle of the district
- XI. Discussion ensued about whether Severance really wants a library or something else with meeting space
- XII. Discussion ensued about how some people in Severance feel like people in Windsor think of Severance as a neighborhood rather than a town
- XIII. Discussion ensued about how people don't realize that the amount of money they pay in library taxes really isn't very much money at all

ADJOURN Meeting was adjourned by Joann Perko at 7:35pm

Next Regular Meeting of the Clearview Library Board, Thursday, July 26, 2018, 5:30pm.



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CALL TO ORDER

REVIEW OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Library Director Ann Kling
Questions from the Severance Town Board

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