

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Lauren Read, Dana Visser, Prudence Doherty, Jess Wignall, Colleen McCormick Moore

City Staff Present: Nate Eddy

Guests Present: n/a

Call to Order by: Motion - Jess, Second - Colleen

Meeting Start Time: 6:39 pm

Minutes Recorded by: Lauren Read

II. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by: Nate

Second: Prudence

Decision: Approved

III. Public Comment

N/A

IV. Committee Member Updates

Jess reported that she attended Pride event, CHT was not doing any fundraising at event.

V. Library Updates

September Library Updates

Programming:

From September 3 - 18, we hosted the 1619: Arrival of the First Africans Traveling Exhibit on loan from the Hampton History Museum. The window display was viewed by 40 students on a class visit from WHS, in addition to passive interactions from pedestrians.

Drop-in Mahjong play for adults has started on Fridays from 10 AM – 12 PM.

- Janice, local community member wanted to facilitate
- About 5-6 people attending regularly

On September 5, we partnered with the Lake Champlain Basin Program to host a watershed model program for youth.

Kirsten has restarted the Community Helper Storytime and on September 11, we hosted Dr. O'Bryan from the Winooski Community Health Center. Up next is a postal worker from Winooski USPS.

STEAM, weekly storytime and playgroups, and after school programming for youth all continue.

Starting in October, we'll be offering a monthly song and storytime in Spanish by Argentinian performer Constanca Gomez.

Statistics:

Although physical circulation was slightly down from July, card registrations and door count were both higher from the previous month.

- o Circulation: 1241 (September) vs. 1263 (August)

- o Door count: 963 (September) vs. 1077 (August)

- o E-circ: 984 (September) vs. 1025 (August)

- o 61 new library card registrations vs. 43 (August)

Friends of the Winooski Library:

The Friends held a fall book drive at the library on Saturday, September 26, and received a nice haul of donations!

Building Updates

On Tuesday, Nate and Elaine attended the CHT funding meeting. To date, \$2.65M has been raised toward the entire OCC project, ~53% of what's needed. The group brainstormed some other strategies and agreed to shift into a more publicly facing fundraising campaign and communicate out to the community about the project. The plan is to share a new one-page doc with QR code for people to donate, then in the new year the Library will hold another Open House to raise more community interest. Looking for more buy-in from the Community Health Center group, hoping new CEO will be able to help.

General:

The Vermont Library Association is proposing to use some of the Meta settlement funds awarded to the state (~\$90M over 10 years) for a Youth and Teen Library Spaces Grant Program, administered through the Vermont Department of Libraries, that could help libraries renovate and create welcoming, flexible spaces for young people that foster connections & creativity. Capital improvement needs remain significant for libraries across Vermont, and pursuing targeted funding opportunities like this is an important part of VLA's broader strategy to address those needs. VLA has engaged with legislative allies and sent their request to the Governor, asking him to include libraries as his administration considers how the settlement funds should be used and drafts their proposed FY28 Budget.

The South Burlington Library has recently migrated its ILS to KOHA and joins a number of other libraries – including us – in a shared cataloging system. This allows member libraries to verify HomeCard standing among patrons as well as view member library holdings.

We have submitted an application to CLiF for their Early Childhood Literacy grant which if awarded includes new books, literacy kits, funds for family engagement activities, and \$500 in flex funds to support literacy-related programming.

October 19th is Vermont Library Day.

VI. Discuss and Approve FY27 Committee Goals

Library Committee FY27 Goals

1. Remain informed of the Library and O'Brien Community Center Capital Campaign effort and work to promote awareness within the Winooski community.
2. Identify and implement methods to collect information about barriers to accessing the temporary library location from the west side of the city.
3. Perform outreach at a minimum of three community events to raise the profile of the library and its services.

Discussion around goals - making sure we all know what O'Brien Community Center Capital Campaign, action items around events.

Lauren will reach out to Sarah about Holiday Market - first outreach event

Should we reach out/join Friends for October Farmers Market

Should we bring goal No. 2 to Safe, Healthy, Connected People commission to begin gathering information - committee agreed its a good idea and will bring it to the meeting

How do we accomplish No. 2? QR codes for some locations, Front Porch Forum post with form, school events

- First step - next meeting discuss the questions we want to ask for form

Also keep barriers to access

Motion by: Jess

Second: Lauren

Decision: Approved

VII. Planning for Safe, Healthy, Connected People Commission

Tuesday, October 13 at 5:30 p.m. - Library

Dana can attend, Lauren is a maybe, Jess/Colleen cannot attend

Nate may request to move the meeting to October 20 because quite a few board members can't attend

Agenda

- Nate will make a brief PowerPoint presentation about the library
- Question and answer session

- Library Committee is introduced; Prudence gives some information about Committee; discuss FY26 accomplishments and FY27 goals
 - Mention CHT funding, Comprehensive plan feedback
 - If one-pager is ready, we can present
- Ask some questions of the SHCP committee members

Nate to email out proposed presentation - members to send feedback to Nate

VIII. Other Business

No other business.

IX. Adjourn

Motion by: Prudence

Second: Colleen

Meeting End Time: 7:14 pm

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