

I. Call to Order

Meeting convened at: 5:40 by acting Chair – Dana

SCHP Commissioners: Meredith Bushey, Carly Schneider, Dana Howe, and Courtney Blasius

Library Committee Members: Dana Visser, Prudence Doherty, Jess Wignall, Lauren Read, and Amanda Goldstein

City Staff present: Nate Eddy

City Council Liaison present: Deputy Mayor Bryn Oakleaf

II. Public Comment

No one present from public for comment

III. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

SHCP Minutes from 8/12/26 moved by: Dana Howe and Second by: Courtney Blasius.

Unanimously approved.

IV. Presentation from Winooski Memorial Library Committee

Introductions of SCHP and Library Committee members present

- Presentation & Discussion from Library Committee -
 - Nate walked through Library ppt slides: <https://www.winooski.vt.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/13635?fileID=19384>
 - Committee Work includes:
 - Long range planning
 - Advocacy for funding
 - Help with policy drafting, review of updates
 - Table at community events
 - Group discussed the reason why they're called a "Committee" rather than a "Commission." The Committee was formed in the 1940s, and Commissions were established with the most recent City Master Plan (soon to be updated and adopted as the City's Comprehensive Plan).
 - Nate emphasized revitalization of Friends of Winooski Library. He reviewed their 501(c)3 status and ability to fundraise on behalf of the Library; events held and funds raised to date; and events scheduled in the near future. So far they've raised ~\$4,000, and have 56 members.
 - The group discussed a number of challenges and opportunities with the long

term (~2 years) temporary space, and methods to draw in the community city-wide to utilize programs and services offered. Nate noted a fairly new audience in the new space, and the need to draw in regulars from the previous spot as well as retain the newer patrons when they move back.

- o Many folks noted how bright and inviting the temp space is, and look forward to the renovations at the O'Brien Community Center achieving a similar vibe

V. Inclusion and Belonging Commission Liaison Updates

No one present from I&B for updates. Meredith noted that we may have a new Ambassador assigned soon but we're waiting on clarity from the City Clerk on that.

VI. City Council and City Staff Liaison Updates

City Council Updates: Deputy Mayor Oakleaf noted her appointment to the School Merger Buddy group from Council. The first meeting of that group was held on 10/14/26 during regular School Board meeting time and location. Those meetings will be held monthly for the next 11 months. A summary of that kickoff meeting can be found here:

<https://www.winooski.vt.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/13619?fileID=19366>

City Updates: Nate promoted the Halloween in Winooski events coming up. The final Farmer's Market of the season is this Sunday and will be Halloween themed, and then pumpkin carving is Tues-Thursday at the Senior Center with the annual pumpkin lighting event on 10/31/26 and again on 11/1/26.

VII. Other Business

Deputy Mayor Oakleaf noted there will be some pre-reading ahead of the next SCHP Commission meeting in November. As the City works to update the Comprehensive Plan, City Council is also taking a look at Commission structure to see what's working, where there's room for improvement, and any suggested changes to structure to consider.

VIII. Adjourn

Moved by Dana Howe, and Second by Carly at 6:40 pm.