

New Library Committee Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2020

In Attendance: Julietta Rascon-Hall, Gloria Lott, Craig Leighty, Brittany Matous, Arnold Fitzpatrick Jr., Dale Smith, Natalie Busby, Joy Kick, Yolanda Mendrek, and Angela Lowery

Call to Order: 6:05 PM

Recap of Last Meeting

Went over the meeting minutes from our last meeting on January 7, 2020.

Potential New Library Sites

Angela Lowery (who arrived late) suggested (via social media) a potential site at 132 O'Hara Ave. The issue with this site is that the layout is not workable with a Library and that there is no parking.

Meeting with the City

On February 18th Brittany Matous, Andrea Freyler, Melinda Cervantes, Bryan Montgomery and Claire Alaura will meet to go over the Delta Sherriff's station as a potential site for the Library. Brittany will inform everyone what was discussed in that meeting at the next committee meeting on March 3, 2020.

New Library Advocacy Group

Brittany brought up the idea of a group of 2-3 people who would be able to attend various meetings in Oakley to promote the Library and the idea of a new Library. The following persons volunteered to do so: Julietta Rascon-Hall, Natalie Busby and Yolanda Mendrek. The group stated that they would try to meet in February to figure out how they would do this.

New Library Fundraising Group

Brittany brought up the need for 1-2 persons to look in to fundraising and grant opportunities for a Library structure. As of this point in time no one has volunteered to do so as the group wanted to hear what the city's decision would be regarding the old Sherriff's Station.

Arnold Fitzpatrick Jr. also brought up the need for a person/group of persons to investigate ways to raise funds. Per him "Friends of Oakley Library is a 501(c)3 and could raise and hold building funds". He also suggested that there might be a way to attend grant work shops or look in to ways that grants could be obtained for a Library.

City Council Meeting: March 24, 2020

City Council will be meeting at 6:30 PM and will be discussing the Library and the old Sherriff's station. Everyone agrees that they would like to attend to hear what the council has to say and advocate for the library.

Community Strategic Planning Meeting: April 21st

The city will be holding their strategic planning meet at 6:30 PM at the Recreation Center. Everyone agrees that they would like to attend to hear what the council has to say and advocate for the library.

New Business/ Misc. Discussion

A bond measure was brought up and it was explained why Friends of the Oakley Library can not engage in a Bond Measure due to its 501(c)3 status. It was brought up that it would be better to raise funds ourselves, and only do a bond measure as a last resort.

It was brought up that we would need to obtain Oakley Census data so that we have a good idea of the population.

Craig Leighty brought up the need to find and contact a grant writer and to look at other organizations that would help guide us.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 PM

Next meeting: March 3, 2020