

Approved Minutes
for the Boulder Public Library Commission
September 1, 2010

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Nadia Haddad
Annette Mitchell
Sam Fuqua
Jim Zigarelli
Anne Sawyer

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT

Donna Gartenmann, Acting Library & Arts Director
Lynn Reed, Assistant Library Director
Jennifer Miles, Strategic Planning & Administrative Services Manager
Tina Walker, Administrative Assistant
Gwen Holton, Branch Library Specialist
Paul Fetherston, Deputy City Manager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

None

PUBLIC PRESENT

Peter Richards

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTE

The Commission unanimously agreed to table the minutes of August 4, 2010 to the October Library Commission Meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Peter Richards shared some concerns that he had with the Library Commission. Mr. Richards stated that the information published in the *News from City Hall* regarding the September Library Commission meeting was not adequate. Mr. Richards stated that he went to the Reference Desk asking for this evening's Library Commission packet, and was told that they did not have the packet. Mr. Richards also wanted to know the process for hiring a Library Director, and why the city does not hire current employees for Director positions. Richards also wanted to know what happened to the "public" in Boulder Public Library, and was the Library Commission involved in this name change? Richards also wanted to know what the plan is for the bridge area of the library. Nadia Haddad will respond to Mr. Richard's concerns.

MATTERS FROM THE DIRECTOR & STAFF

Donna Gartenmann presented an overview of materials, which are subject to change, for the September 14, Study Session. The purpose of the packet is to present facts and framework for the study session. The focus of the Study Session will be funding. The Commission asked clarifying questions and offered suggestions.

Jim Zigarelli stated that the Commission has agreed that their highest priority is to secure a long-term, stable, predictable, and adequate funding stream for library services.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION


Anne Sawyer asked if a patrons question regarding BPA free receipt paper had been answered. Gartenmann advised that the company that we order thermal receipt paper from uses three suppliers. Two of the suppliers are BPA free, and the third will be completely BPA free by December 2010. Sam Fuqua will respond to the patron's question.

Jim Zigarelli expressed concern that the Commission has not been given updates about soon-to-be vacant positions. Annette Mitchell reminded Zigarelli that the Library Commission is an advisory board, not a board of directors, and they do not oversee staffing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Approved by



Date

10/6/10