



Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission Minutes 09 June 2021

Commissioners Present: James H. Hershman, Jr., Chair; Mary Pellicano
Commissioners Present Electronically: Martha Schonberger, Vice Chair and Russ Woolard
Commissioners Absent: Tom Jewell; Mandy Kinne; Adrian Mattina
Others Present: Don Cooper, President, Friends of the TBL, Inc.; James Roberts, Citizen
Others Present Electronically: None
Staff Present: Alexandra S. Gressitt, Library Director

Meeting convened by Hershman in lower level meeting room, Thomas Balch Library, at 7:06PM.

Electronic participation Statement: It is the practice of the Town of Leesburg to record meetings of the Town's standing boards and commissions. This meeting has electronic participation pursuant to and in compliance with the Amended Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the State of Emergency Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, adopted by the Leesburg Town Council on January 12, 2021.

The following commissioners, staff, and guests present in person: James Hershman, Chair; Mary Pellicano; Donald Cooper, President, Friends of The Thomas Balch Library, Inc.; Alexandra S. Gressitt, Library Director, and James Roberts, citizen. Commissioners participating by WebEx: Martha Schonberger, Vice Chair and Russ Woolard.

Minutes of 12 May 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Pellicano and a second by Schonberger.

Library Director:

- Report Distributed and attached.

Friends of the Thomas Balch library, Inc.: Don Cooper, President

- The Friends next meeting, in person at Thomas Balch Library, is 9:30AM Tuesday 20 July 2021
- Next fundraiser, in-person, is scheduled for Sunday, 12 September 2021 and will include a tour of the Library
- The in-person annual meeting will be scheduled in January 2022 at Thomas Balch Library and will include a premier of a new oral history.

TBL Foundation: (Gressitt, Secretary/Treasurer reporting)

- The next board meeting, in person, is noon, Tuesday, 20 July 2021 @ noon.
- 3 new garden benches purchased from Victor Stanley by the Foundation Board for the Agnes and B. Powell Harrison garden have been received and installed.

Old Business:

- Library Transition Plan – Library Director reported on the makeup of the plan – to include an introduction, and various reports documenting activities, development requests, and needs along with plans for the future. The format was approved by the Commission.
- Pellicano led a general discussion on an historic marker for Potters Field reburials in Union Cemetery. A variety of options were considered including a marker at the extant site. Pellicano will attend the next Commission on Public Art meeting, scheduled in July.
- Legacy Leesburg Town Plan – no discussion. Awaiting revised draft to review portion on TBL.
- Library Director reminded the Board at an Annual report is due.

New Business:

- Following discussion, including electronic meeting policy post emergency ordinance, Commissioners agreed to hold the July meeting as a hybrid meeting subject to any changes legislated by Town Council.

Councilmanic remarks:

- Cummings, unable to attend the meeting, noted in his email to contact him if anything was needed.

Commissioner remarks:

- General agreement among Board members that it was good to see everyone.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 14 July 2021 @ 7PM** in the Lower Level meeting Room at Thomas Balch Library

On a motion by Woolard and a second by Pellicano the meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra S. Gressitt
Library Director
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