



Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission Minutes 09 February 2022

Commissioners Present: Adrian Dias-Mattina; James H. Hershman, Jr., Chair; Mandy Kinne; Mary Pellicano; Martha Schonberger, Vice Chair; Russ Woolard

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Keith Markel, Deputy Town Manager

Staff Present: Alexandra S. Gressitt, Library Director

Meeting convened by Hershman in lower level meeting room, Thomas Balch Library, at 7:06 PM. Deputy Town Manager, Keith Markel was welcomed and introduced.

Electronic Recording Statement: Meeting not recorded. Town Network down.

Minutes of 12 January 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Dias-Mattina and a second by Schonberger.

Library Director: Report Distributed and attached.

Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc.:

- The in-person annual meeting scheduled for 9 January 2022 was cancelled due to COVID. The premier of the Wynne Saffer oral history has been rescheduled for January 2023.
- The election of new Board members is taking place by mail.
- The winter 2022 *Balch Chronicle* has been sent and copies were distributed among those present.
- The next fundraiser has been scheduled for 11 September 2022.
- Planning on a small anniversary event in May (ice cream social)
- The Friends next meeting, in person at Thomas Balch Library, is 9:30AM Tuesday 15 March 2022 TBD in-person/zoom.

Thomas Balch Library Endowment Foundation: Gressitt, Secretary/Treasurer reporting

- Troxell and Gressitt met with the accountant and Gressitt submitted paperwork for 2021 tax preparation.
- The Board has reaffirmed its support of the Library's cataloguing project.
- The next board meeting, in person, is noon, Tuesday, 15 March 2022 @ noon. The Town Manager has been invited to attend.

Old Business

- Catalogue Project: Gressitt reported the Project has been included for consideration in the upcoming FY 23 budget proposal and asked the Commission to communicate their support of the project with their respective Council member
- Historic marker for Potters Field: Pellicano initiated discussion outlining status of the project and changes with associated Commissions. Following discussion agreement was reached on changes to the proposed information memo which will be forwarded to Gressitt by Pellicano for input into Municode for the Council. During the discussion four commissions were identified for potentially working together: Tree, COPA, Diversity, and Parks and Rec
- 100th Anniversary celebration – Following general discussion Gressitt was taxed with seeking Council member Cummings sponsorship for an anniversary proclamation. Pellicano will follow up a journalist to write a story about the Library. Gressitt will provide Pellicano with titles of a couple journals and Hershman will bring a request for an honorarium to the Foundation. There was general discussion of a Friends event in May; possibly an ice cream social.

New Business:

- Library Director suggested that the Chair reach out to the IT Commission for ways to work cooperatively with the Cataloguing Project and security.
- Library Director shared copies of the winter/spring Balch Column.

Deputy Town Manager remarks:

- Mentioned worthiness of the Cataloguing project
- As landlord for the Loudoun Museum the Town had been upgrading the building for the Museum
- There was money in the budget to cover repairs at the Library

Commission Comments: Markel was thanked for attending the meeting. Dias Mattina noted she is looking forward to Ellen Crosby's presentation in April and the Ice Cream Social; Kinne indicated she will speak to her Council rep about the Cataloguing Project; Hershman indicated an article he had written is to be incorporated in a book to be published this year by the University of Virginia Press; all expressed pleasure at seeing each other.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 9 March 2022 @ 7PM in the Lower Level meeting Room at Thomas Balch Library.

On a motion by Schonberger and a second by Dias-Mattina the meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra S. Gressitt
Library Director
10 March 2022