



Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission Minutes 10 January 2024

Commissioners Present: Scott Billigmeier; Paul Coyer; Candace Baracat-Donovan; James H Hershman, Jr. Chair; Adrian Dias-Mattina; Russ Woolard, Vice chair

Commissioners Present Virtually: None

Commissioners Absent: Tony Barnard

Others Present: Don Cooper, President FTBL

Staff Present: Alexandra S. Gressitt, Library Director

Meeting convened by Hershman in lower-level meeting room, Thomas Balch Library, at 7:01 PM.

Electronic Recording Statement: It is the practice of the Town of Leesburg to record meetings of the Town's standing boards and commissions.

Virtual Attendance Request: None

Minutes: Minutes of the regular commission meeting of 10 December 2024 were approved on a motion by Billigmeier seconded by Woolard.

Library Director: Report attached.

Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Inc.:

- Reported on the annual meeting held 7 January 2024 and the showing of the oral history of Betty and Robert Lowenbach.
- Next Friends board meeting is 9:30AM, Tuesday, 16 January 2024 at TBL.

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

- Next Foundation board meeting is 12PM, Tuesday 16 January 2024 at TBL. Focus will be Balch Family trust Fund and a brochure.

Old Business:

- Land Acknowledgement landmark was briefly discussed and by consent tabled.
- St James' Cemetery committee - Gressitt reminded everyone that the next meeting to be held at Thomas Balch Library will be 30 January 1PM. It will be hybrid to allow more people to attend.
- History Awards – the Library Director presented the newly revised History Awards brochure.

New Business:

- Following discussion, on a motion by Woolard, seconded by Dias Mattina the Commission approved (6-0-1) its 20-24 meeting schedule as follows:

- January 10, 2024
- February NO MEETING
- March 13
- April 10
- May 8
- June 12
- July 10
- August NO MEETING
- September 11
- October 9
- November 3 (Sunday) Brief meeting, official picture taking, followed by the History Awards.
- December 11

Councilmanic remarks: None.

Commission Comments: None.

On a motion by Woolard seconded by Coyer, the meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra S. Gressitt
Library Director
11 January 2024