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**Library Board**  
**Monday, April 17, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Item B1**

**Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2023**

**Staff Contact:**

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND  
GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
March 20, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Library Board of the Grand Island Public Library was conducted on Monday, March 20, 2023. Notice appeared in the *Grand Island Independent* on March 16, 2023. A quorum present, President Jaime Parr called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The following members were present: Sara White, Tanya Hansen, Anna Stehlik, Beth Stecker, and Barbara Beck. Celine Swan, Mitch Nickerson, Chief Denney and Laura McAloon were also present.

Open Meetings Law Notice: Provided by President Jaime Parr.

Public Participation: Joseline Reyna came to speak on the Police Substation.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tanya Hansen, seconded by Beth Stecker, carried unanimously to accept for filing the Minutes of the February 18, 2023 library board meeting.

REPORTS:

Approval of Financial Report: Motion by Beth Stecker, seconded by Anna Stehlik, carried unanimously to accept for filing the January 2023 Financials.

Approval of Bills Submitted: Motion by Anna Stehlik, seconded by Anna Stehlik, carried unanimously to accept for filing the February 28, 2023 and March 14, 2023 Bills Submitted.

Approval of Director's Report: Motion by Tanya Hansen, seconded by Sara White, carried unanimously to accept for filing the Director's Report.

Board Communications and Committee Reports: Tanya Hansen went over some changes on the following policies:

Text for Back of Library Cards: Motion by Anna Stehlik, seconded by Tanya Hansen, carried unanimously to accept for filing the new text on the back of Library cards.

Unattended Persons: Some changes were suggested and Laura McAloon suggested the Board hold off on a vote so the City Legal department can take a look at this policy and offer some guidance.

Confidentiality of Library Records: Lots of discussion took place on this item and the City Legal department will take a look at this policy and offer some guidance as well.

Use of Library Grounds and Parking Lots: discussion took place on this item as well.

Call To Action For This Month's Meeting: Celine handed out Nebraska Library Association 2023 Legislative Report Card.

Strategic Plan Updates: Nothing to report at this time.

Interlocal Agreement: Nothing to report at this time.

Police Substation: Much discussion took place. Joseline Reyna spoke about possibly having it portrayed as more of a Welcome Center where people have access to resources in Grand Island, etc. Also prior to tonight's Board meeting a follow up forum was held with community members regarding the substation. Some of the concerns that were shared:

They feel they were not given a chance to share their thoughts during the strategic planning sessions, they still feel like the location of the substation is not a good place, they also feel library is not taking care of mental

challenges some people face, they also feel staff needs more training. Jaime Parr mentioned a way we can measure this substation to see how it is going. Laura McAloon said in terms of metrics they have heard the reason why the library wants the substation, track if it is helping deter criminal behavior. Celine mentioned changing the name to something other than Police Substation to make it sound more welcoming. Chief Denney mentioned that this substation gives the police more of a chance of engagement. Tanya mentioned she voted for the substation because this can be a bridge for the police and the community. Councilman Nickerson mentioned it is another extension of the police putting themselves out there to the public more. Laura mentioned making the “box” more welcoming. Chief Denney mentioned a kiosk would be a great way for people to come in and look for resources. Ex: if they need housing there is a link for housing, if they are looking for a job there is a link for jobs available, if they need guidance for help with an abuse situation there is a link for that, etc. Beth Stecker mentioned working with outside agencies to get volunteers here since that is what they specialize in. Chief Denney will be having a meeting with Hope Harbor (HELP) on April 26, 2023 from 2-4. He wants to help provide a foundation for these groups to come together and this also helps the police engage as well. Good meeting to figure out on who to call when certain things come up.

After much discussion it has been decided to form an ADHOC Committee for the Substation. This committee would need 2 Library Board members so they are supposed to let Jaime know by the end of the week if they want on this committee. We will advertise and reach out to both those for and those opposed of the Substation. Motion by Tanya Hansen, seconded by Barbara Beck, carried unanimously to accept for filing the Library will create an ADHOC Committee to gather public input about the police substation to bring to the Library Board for consideration.

**Next Meeting: Monday April 17, 2023 at 5:15 pm**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tanya Hansen, Secretary