

Joint Library Board and Foundation Board Meeting March 22, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

BCL Foundation Members Nicole Taranto Daniel, Lorraine Ekegren, Colleen Karls, Brian Kirkemo, Kris Menicucci, Valerie Otto, Jordan Ramler and Ali Vasarella; Library Board members Cynthia Cheney, Bob Coughlin, Pamela Knowles, Martha Sellers, and Chrysti Smith; BCL Director Gale Bacon; City Manager Neil Cardwell; and Matt Sedor and Sander Story from 45 Architecture attended. Circulation Specialist Kathleen Godfrey was present to take minutes. Scott Mullen attended as a guest.

Welcome & Public Input

Martha Sellers

Martha is the City Council representative on the Library Board of Trustees. She is employed as a fundraiser for Montana Wilderness School.

Nicole Taranto Daniel

Nicole joined the BCL Foundation. She is a realtor and wanted to be involved in the Library due to fond childhood memories. Nicole wants to build the same memories with her own family.

Valerie Otto

Valerie also recently joined the BCL Foundation. She enjoyed using the library as a kid, and also brought her kids to the library when they were young.

Public Input

None

New Business

Library Update: 45 Architecture: Matt Sedor and Sander Story

Matt began his presentation by noting that Foundation Member Ali Vasarella worked on the new library building project when she was employed at 45 Architecture.

Currently, several phases are being accomplished at once, including program review and verification, as well as schematic design. This phase will end on April 1. Design development will come next, such as building systems, structures, etc. Construction documentation will follow this step. The building permit should be obtained at the end of 2022. Bids will be taken in late January 2023. 45 Architecture is currently studying possible designs for a basement (primarily for storage).

Matt gave a brief overview of the current design. They are currently working on a landscaping design. 45 Architecture is working with Ratio and Dennis Humphries. Dennis and Ratio design a lot of library building projects and offer insights on what they've seen work in other buildings.

New Library Patron Survey

Library Director Gale Bacon overviewed the survey that was offered to patrons online. Creative Outlets, DIY skills, music performances, gardening classes, movie screenings, and board games were ideas for adult programs with high results.

Belgrade City Manager Neil Cardwell mentioned that there are concerns about the coffee shop idea for the new library building. If Foundation and Board members know any business owners or individuals who might be interested, Neil asked that the individuals contact him. If there is not enough interest in this idea, it may be cut from the building design.

The patron survey was available for just under two months. The Belgrade Community Coalition mentioned the survey.

Trustee & Committee Reports

Belgrade Community Library (BCL) Foundation Update: Give Big

Give Big Gallatin Valley takes place May 5 & 6. The Foundation has registered for the event and assigned a committee to work on it. Most funds will go to Library programs or be used as the library sees fit. The Foundation is working on matching gifts.

Ryan Ballenger is working on a possible Mother's Day brunch at The Mint.

City Manager: City Update

Plans and actions for the new library building are progressing rapidly and everyone is working very hard to stay within the budget. Instead of hiring an owner's representative, City staff will help with this task. They will use the funding to hire a pricing engineer to monitor the budget and recommend changes. A firm has been chosen. This contract is through 45 Architecture, not the City. There are at least 5 contractors interested in the new library building project. City staff and 45 Architecture will choose one of them to submit a proposal, and in May, a general contractor will be officially chosen. The bonds should begin selling in May.

The floor plan from tonight could and probably will change to an extent; it isn't finalized. A lot depends on whether it's possible to have a basement for storage and mechanical and electrical needs.

The playground equipment at Lewis and Clark Park should be finished by the end of April. Workers must wait for the temperature to reach a certain point for several days.

Director's Report

Gale shared an invitation to the Library's Volunteer Appreciation Paint-Along Party. It will be held on April 19 in the Milesnick Meeting Room. There will be an afternoon/evening session. Participants should RSVP.

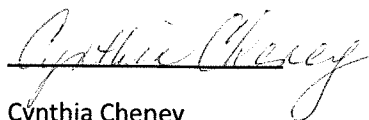
Future Meetings

BCL Foundation Meeting: April 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Library Board Meeting: April 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

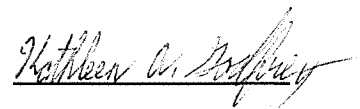
Motion to adjourn at 8:08 made by Kris Menicucci, seconded by Cynthia Cheney, and passed unanimously.



Cynthia Cheney
Belgrade Community Library
Board Chair



Jorden Ramler
Belgrade Community Library
Foundation President



Kathleen Godfrey
Belgrade Community Library
Circulation Specialist