

April 6, 2016 6:30 PM
Sitka Public Library
Library Commission Meeting Minutes

- I. Agenda Additions
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Guest Comments
- IV. Chair/Secretary Selection
- V. Library History Program: Bill Foster
- VI. Other Programming
- VII. Sitka Public Library Building Update
- VIII. Library Policy Revisions/3 Year Plan
- IX. 2017 Budget
- X. New Business

Meeting Minutes:

Attending: Curt Ledford (chair); Alice Johnstone; Dorik Mechau; Jane Eidler; Barbara Bingham; Robb Farmer (Library Director); Ben Miyasato (Assembly Liaison); Marilyn Guhl (library staff liaison); Bill Foster (Library History Committee)

- March meeting minutes were distributed and read. Minutes approved unanimously without changes.
- Upon initiation of the discussion regarding selecting the Chair and Secretary for the upcoming year, current Chair, Curt Ledford announced his resignation, effective immediately, as his tenure had been long and he wanted to continue until the completion of the library expansion project. The remaining members and meeting

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attendees thanked Mr. Ledford for his years of service and support for the Library. Mr. Ledford then left the meeting.

- The remaining Commission members in attendance decided to table the selection of a Chair or Secretary until the May meeting.
- Bill Foster reported on the plans for the Library History Program. The large physical display planned for the recent Grand Opening event had been not been ready in time, but it would be ready for a separate program to honor the history of the Library and the library staff who had worked to make it a success. That program was scheduled for early May.
- Robb Farmer reported on the Library's programs that took place in March and that were scheduled for April. The March 20th Grand Opening was said to be a huge success. He thanked the library staff and volunteers who helped with the event.
- Robb Farmer reported on the work being done to revise the Library's policies to reflect the new space. Also, each CBS department had been directed to develop a 3 year strategic plan, with specific goals and objectives. Those would be forthcoming and presented to the Commission.
- Robb Farmer reported that the 2017 budget process was still ongoing, and that CBS departments were still identifying potential reductions. Reductions for the Library included a continued reduction in temporary staff wages; cuts to travel, supply, utility, and new item budget lines; and a potential reduction in operating hours.