



**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PAGE
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

**PAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD SPECIAL BUDGETARY SESSION
MEETING HELD IN CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
697 VISTA AVE.
PAGE, ARIZONA**

**JUNE 14, 2016
6:15 P.M.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the City of Page Public Library Board and the general public that the Page Public Library Board will hold a meeting open to the public in the Page Public Library Program Room located at 479 S. Lake Powell Boulevard, Page, Arizona. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE name of board AGENDAS VIA EMAIL, PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO cityclerk@cityofpage.org OR CALL 645-4221.**

Members of the Page Public Library Board will attend either in person or by telephone conference call.

CALL TO ORDER: 18:17 hrs

ROLL CALL

Present	Last	First	Title
X	Brown	Cheri	
X	Diak	Bill	Mayor, City Council Liaison
X phone	Goodrich	Charles	
X	Santelli	Regina	
X	Scott	Kai	Secretary
X	Ward	Robert	President

Other Attendees: Page Finance Director – Linda Watson, Assistant Library Director - Vivida Altudis

MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS

The public is invited to speak on any item or area of concern. Items presented during the Citizens portion which are not on the agenda, cannot be acted upon by the Page Public Library Board. Individual Board members are prohibited by the Open Meeting Law from discussing or considering the item among themselves unless the item is officially on an agenda. Citizens may also use the Information Request Forms which are available.

REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget 2016/1017:
 - Topic Discussion:
 - Mayor Diak shared in last week's City Council meeting, one council member noted a perception that the library budget was growing in personnel costs and wished that this topic be revisited and the council give consideration of \$100K cuts. Mayor Diak noted it was not costs in personnel had not altered out of proportion, but a request was made for revisiting library budget allowances for the 2016/2017 year.
 - Charles noted the library is currently understaffed and requested how the proposed budget will impact staffing.
 - Debbie Winlock clarified that if budget cuts are enacted, staff would have to be cut to maintain budget allowance.
 - Linda Watson shared that one Council member noted some libraries function completely off the county budgetary allotments, and posed the question of why Page Library could not. Linda prepared a 5 year synopsis of funding and expenses of library personnel for the City Council. Overall, the county allocated 1.45 million and staffing costs totaled 963K for staffing. Prior to receiving county funds, the city was responsible for funding all positions.
 - Debbie noted the only new position created in the last 5 years is a community outreach position.
 - Possible effects on the library following a \$100K budget cut: staff will be cut, programs will be cut, services will shrink, and hours will diminish.
 - Debbie presented pie charts and statistics.
 - In 1 year, the number of library card holders has increased from 13K to 14K
 - The number of visits in 2014-2015 was 146,129 and in 2016 to date the library has had 132,010 visits.
 - The number of adult programs offered has risen and the number of adult attendees has also risen. The number of children and teen programs have decreased.
 - In relation to other local towns:
 - Page library obtains 19% of its total funding from the City of Page
 - Fredonia is granted 38.88% of its budget from their city
 - Flagstaff retains 40.13% of their budget from city monies
 - Sedona receives 50.59% of budget from the city of Sedona
 - Current Budgetary contributions for Page City Library funding include:
 - County funds: \$348,000
 - Community College \$8K
 - E Rate \$2,400
 - Services: \$28K
 - City Funding: \$88, 341 – currently the city of Page does not even fund the library for the \$100K proposed cuts.
 - Debbie noted fiscal savings she has been able to capture recently (12 new laptops, books, and office supplies) that have positively impacted the bottom line at the library.
 - Page is a five star library that is utilized as a template example for other county libraries.
 - There are currently no libraries in Coconino County that are funded entirely from county monies.
 - Regina asked where the proposed cuts were intended to be spent. Mayor Diak noted his impression is the \$100K will be reallocated from the library to community services including roads, parks, etc.
 - Regina eloquently asserted that the library adds to quality of life in the area through computer access and children's programs. GED prep and testing programs rely on computer access, and children's programs support summer learning. As such the library directly supports community knowledge base and rising education. Budget cuts will negatively impact these educational opportunities, and the City of Page and surrounding areas may experience negative outcomes in the future as children grow to become

residents who will be less educated, remember the loss, and be less supportive of the City and Council.

- Mayor Diak noted changing City contributions may impact County contributions. Debbie noted state funding is dependent on user statistics.
- Current staffing is feeling the squeeze as it is. The Library is currently down 2 staff members, and the Children's librarian has recently tendered her resignation. The library is turning away patrons in rising numbers on Mondays as it is, and if funding is cut to the library, programs, open hours, and staff will be impacted.
- Suggestion for appealing to Council Members using an approach to the heart of the people and quality of life in Debbie's presentation to the City Council as well as linking town revenue stream and attracting wealthier residents. City services are one way to help attract wealthier residents, which could positively impact the bottom line.
- There will be opportunities for Board Members and city residents to speak at the Council workshop prior to the City Council Meeting.
- Linda Watson addressed budget process:
 - Budget can be accepted/adopted as presented, accept/adopt the budget with Council agreed amendments, or decline the budget.
 - The final budget, by state regulation, must be approved by the third week in July.
 - At any point, once the preliminary budget is accepted, until the final budget is approved, allotments can be decreased but not increased.
 - The final vote of Council Members is the terminus, but public support can influence voting of elected officials.
- If the City pulls the \$100K proposed, maybe changes in library structure to a county library as it will only be funded by county, which will be difficult for Page given geography. The County is concerned that cities are cutting funding.
- Suggestions: write letters, talk to/email/text/call Council Members, show up at meetings
- Next City Council workshop Weds 6/22/16 at 17:30 with approval of preliminary budget approval at the 18:30 City Council meeting. Both are open to the public. Attendance by the public and Library Board Members is highly encouraged to help support this vital public service.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES: We are seeking two additional Board members and applications can be obtained in the city offices.

ADJOURN: 19:21hrs

Motion: Cheri

Second: Regina

Discussion: None

Vote Tally: Unanimous in favor of adjournment.

Motion: **Passed**

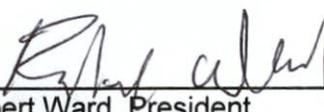
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Next Regular Meeting is July 21, 2016 at 19:00

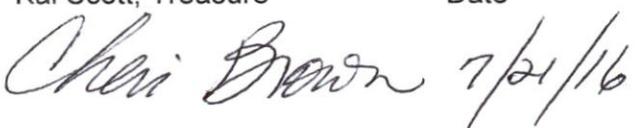
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THIS AGENDA MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UP TO 24 HOURS PRIOR TO MEETING. PLEASE SEE LOCAL CRIER BOARDS FOR CURRENT AGENDA.


Robert Ward, President Date 7-21-16

Kai Scott, Treasure Date
 Cheri Brown 7/21/16