MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
of the
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, March 20, 2008
6:30 P.M.

Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Commission motions to facilitate future research.
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.; Commissioner Doering presided over the meeting in the absence of both Chairperson Mina and Vice Chairperson Heuman.

2. **Roll Call**
Commissioners Nielson, Doering, Pastine, Sykes and Chatley were present; Chairperson Mina and Vice Chairperson Heuman were absent.

Also Present:
Library Director Gerard Laurito, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge was led by Sykes.

4. **Consent Agenda - All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as Consent Agenda Items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Commission so requests.**
a) Approval of the Minutes:
1) Regular Session – February 21, 2008
b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:
1) Regular Session – April 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
On a motion by Chatley, seconded by Neilson, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

5. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda**
There was no public input.

6. **Welcome to and orientation of the newest Library Commissioner Timothy Sykes. This is an opportunity for the rest of the Commission to introduce themselves and answer any questions Mr. Sykes may have.**
Commissioner Sykes introduced himself and explained that he planned to follow along at first and get caught up to speed before he started asking the many questions he has; the other Commissioners then gave outlines of their backgrounds, experience and interest in libraries. There was also a brief discussion on the recent Work Session and comment that the Council answers that were somewhat contrary to what the Library Commission was wanting to think about.

7. **Discussion, consideration and possible direction to council regarding the possibility of locating the new library building on the newly acquired 118 acre regional park site.**
On a motion by Doering, seconded by Neilson, the Commission voted 4-1 to continue further discussion on this item until after a walk-through of the property; with Pastine abstaining.

There was comment from the members that they would prefer to tour the subject property first before making any decision. Laurito advised the Commission that a walk-through tour is being

arranged; also, the Town will be working on a master plan for the property and the Commission should decide whether or not they want to participate in the planning. During the round-table discussion, public input from **Linda Harkness** included a description of the corner that she believes would be the best site for the library, the drainage considerations, and the comment that they should ask for 8 or 12 acres; the members discussed in further detail with Ms. Harkness the information she had offered.

8. Discussion and possible recommendation to council on any issues or questions that arose from the Council Work Session of March 12, 2008.

The members expressed conflicting opinions regarding the formation of the non-profit corporation. In response to a question from Commissioner Sykes, Director Laurito briefly explained the difference between the Mary Lyons fund which is under the control of the Town, and the separate, independent non-profit organization made up of a group of citizens to design and build the new library. Doering added that 501(c) (3) is the IRS Code that allows a corporation to operate as a non-profit entity. There was further discussion on the issue of obtaining funds and working through the non-profit corporation to build the library, or the Town following the statutory public procurement procedures to build the library. Doering said that one of the questions brought up at the work session was the role of the Library Commission, adding that the Town Website posts what the duties of the Commissions are.

Commissioner Pastine said that in answer to a question to the Council regarding what happens if the 501(c)(3) takes over fund-raising that the Commission was doing, what is the Commission to do now, the Mayor commented, "Go use the Library funds to buy a book drop," which Pastine felt was a really rude comment. Pastine said everyone needs to work together, and that comment was like a slap in the face to the Library Commission. She said that if two groups are to work together, they do not need comments like that, especially from the Mayor, of all people. Pastine said she feels that Linda and everyone are trying to work together well, and hearing that comment, she wanted to get up and walk out. Pastine said that to have the very person who is running this Town make a comment like that is not helping us, and we should all be trying to work together well and if we can't do it at the level of the Council, we certainly can't do it at other levels. Pastine added that when she heard the comment from the Mayor it really hurt, that comments like that are not going to help us at any meeting or at any time when we are trying to work in a joint work session. Pastine said that when the Commission makes recommendations, she wondered how they can get away from comments like that from people "who are above us," and "who we have to work with."

The discussion continued regarding further issues brought up at the work session, including some advice from the Town Attorney based on law, which Doering said he also had researched to confirm that the advice was correct. There was general agreement that there was no specific recommendation to Council in response to what was done at the meeting. As Chairperson of the non-profit corporation, **Linda Harkness** said she was in agreement with Pastine on the need for everyone to work together. There was also further discussion, with input from Harkness, regarding those who were qualified to serve on the non-profit corporation.

Doering said this item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to give the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson the opportunity to offer their comments.

9. Discussion possible recommendation to staff regarding a library "New to You" sale to raise funds for the new building.

Director Laurito said work is still in process for the "New to You" rummage sale; he stressed that only quality items will be sought, and that help will be needed for all aspects of arranging the sale that will be a fund-raiser for the new library building.

10. Discussion of "green" building sources, technology and funding.

The Commission agreed to continue this item until the next meeting, since Vice Chairperson Heuman was absent.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding the posting of a web page requesting the public to submit slogans for the Commission's library fundraising that is now on Commissioner Doering's web site.
Doering displayed a copy of the information he had drafted for his web site; after a brief discussion it was generally agreed that Doering should go ahead and post the page on his web site and start soliciting slogans to support the library fund-raising efforts.

12. Discussion and possible recommendation to staff regarding digital library resources and digitizing library materials.
Doering explained that he had requested the subject item in order to discuss the possibilities in digitizing materials. Laurito described the resources already being digitized; the members offered some suggestions, including digitizing the Historical Society collection. Laurito said he would do further research on the issue and report back to the Commission for further discussion.

13. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the 2008 – 2009 Library budget.
Laurito said that the Town is in the process of setting up next year's budget; he will be submitting proposals for additional hours and perhaps an additional day. Laurito plans to submit proposals on what he feels the library should be doing and participating in growth; he should have some concrete information to share at the next meeting. There was also a brief discussion on the drafting of the brochure publicizing the library.

14. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda
There was no public input.

15. Discussion and consideration of the Director/Staff Report.
Director Laurito reviewed and discussed with the Commission highlights of his written report; one of the new programs involving music and the teenage group is proving quite successful.

15. Commission Comments, Informational Reports, Activity Updates, and Agenda Item Requests:
It was agreed to return Agenda Items 8, 10 and 13, and possibly Item 7, for the next meeting.

Pastine reported that an event is planned at the Artisans' Gallery for Saturday, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; a reception for Amber Polo and her new book.

Chatley said he noticed Library directional signs while going through the Town of Pine.

17. Adjournment
On a motion by Pastine, seconded by Sykes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Lisa Mina, Chairperson

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Library Advisory Commission of the Town of Camp Verde during the Regular Session of the Library Advisory Commission of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 20th day of March 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 17th day of April 2008

Margaret Harper

Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary