

CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Madelyn Helling Library Community Room
980 Helling Way, Nevada City, CA 95959

MEETING MINUTES: January 25, 2016

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC) held on Monday, January 25, 2016, in the Community Room of the Madelyn Helling library, Nevada City, CA

Committee Members: Dick Fay, Ruth Hall, Ron Jauch, JoAnn Marie, and Paul Molino.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call – JoAnn Marie

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Dick Fay, Ruth Hall (via telephone), JoAnn Marie, Paul Molino, Ron Jauch, and County Librarian Laura Pappani. Also in attendance: Steve Monaghan, Nevada County.

2. Review and adoption of Minutes of Prior Meeting – Paul Molino

The Minutes of November 16, 2015 were reviewed and adopted as submitted.

3. Sales Tax Report -- Ron Jauch

Ron Jauch reviewed the sales tax receipts to-date and had questions about what appeared to be a short fall of roughly \$50,000 when comparing last year's six months of expenditures with this fiscal years six month expenditures. Laura Pappani responded that she and the County keep a close eye on this and that the library has yet to receive the "holiday numbers" of revenue so it is a little early at this point to project short falls. The committee thanked Ron for keeping watch of the expenditures and this careful oversight will continue.

4. County Librarian's Report – Laura Pappani

STRATEGIC PLAN

Polling for the Library strategic plan will begin within a matter of days. The consultant drew up polling questions after meeting with key Library and County personnel. Discussion ensued regarding polling questions and whether library funds should be used for polling expenses.

- Polling Questions

Ron Jauch recommended that questions be asked in terms of specific library services impacted instead of whether a person might vote for a particular percentage of tax increase. Highlighting the specific services impacted allows the person being polled to understand how their vote will result in future services delivered by the library rather than asking will you vote for a 1/16, 1/8, or 1/4 tax increase.

- Polling Expenses

Ruth Hall questioned why library funds are being used for polling expenses instead of using the County general fund. Discussion ensued about the Library's limited resources

being used for polling and that by using a larger pot of funds from the County more voters can be polled. Ron Jauch suggested that it is very appropriate for this question to be asked by this Citizen's Oversight Committee. Ruth Hall suggested that it appears that a small number of voters will be contacted by the consultant in the Truckee area and that Truckee is very different in terms of age distribution than the rest of the County. Ruth emphasized how important the Library strategic plan is to Truckee residents. After discussion about the Truckee area, Laura Pappani noted that the consultant is familiar with and aware of the demographics across Nevada County.

ON-LINE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

Laura reported that the library will launch tomorrow a state funded project to deliver the high school equivalent test on-line starting tomorrow in Truckee and Western Nevada County. Some scholarships are available and limited money available for equipment and Internet connection costs.

MOBILE TECHNOLOGY LAB

The Library has received additional funding for the Mobile Technology Lab from the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) funds administered by the State Librarian.

PROBATION CLIENT SHORT STORY PROGRAM

Laura reported on the People & Stories program that is a collaboration between the Library and the Probation Department. Grass Valley Librarian Josie Andrews received program training and support through a grant funded by the NEH. Participants meet for 8 sessions that are facilitated by Josie. Josie reads a short story and then leads a discussion revolving around the content and literary aspects of the story. Josie will run 4 series of 8 sessions each during 2016 (different set of participants for each series).

5. Truckee Community Report – Ruth Hall

Ruth Hall reported that the Truckee Friends of the Library and others are very active and committed to locating a new library in Truckee. Efforts are underway to locate a library at the rail yard. Ruth continued that the Truckee interest group plans to rely on a very active capital campaign and not just the sales tax for revenue.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment

7. Next meeting date: March 21 @ 4:00pm

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Molino