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AUBURN HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING of March 19, 2013

Location: Small Meeting Room, Auburn Hills Public Library
3400 E. Seyburn Drive
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326

- 1. Call to Order:** President VeRonica Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present: ~~Veronica~~ VeRonica Mitchell, Angela River, Tina Spurlin, Scott McCallister, Toni Whitley (4:35 PM arrival)
Absent: None
Also Present: Stephanie McCoy, Library Director
Guests: 0

3. Acceptance of the Agenda:

Moved by River to accept the agenda as presented.

Seconded by S. McCallister

Vote: Yes: Mitchell, River, Spurlin, McCallister

No: None

Motion Carried (4-0)

4. On-going Business:

(a) Interview for Board Vacancy Term 2015

- 1. Sean Johnson**
- 2. Paul Borucki**

President Mitchell explained to the Trustees there is a list of prepared questions to ask the applicants and she will ask the first question and then proceed clock-wise, with A. River being second, followed by T. Spurlin and then S. McCallister.

President Mitchell welcomed Mr. Johnson and introduced herself, then Vice President A. River, Trustee Spurlin, and Trustee McCallister, explaining each will be asking a series of questions.

1. President Mitchell: Please tell us about yourself?

Mr. Johnson: He is a father of two and married for 10 years. Currently works as a program manager and have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering and a dual Master of Science in Operations Management & Manufacturing Management. He has 16 years of progressive engineering and management experience and has people skills. He was elected to serve on the Avondale School District Board of Education.

2. A. River: Are you currently a user of the Auburn Hills Public Library?

Mr. Johnson: Has been privileged to have completed his masters' degree thanks to the use of the proctor exams through the library. Has a 3rd grader that comes to library on regular basis.

3. A. Spurlin: Are you a registered voter?

Mr. Johnson: Yes.

(Arrival of T. Whitley). T. Whitley introduced herself and proceeded with question number 4.

4. T. Whitley: Tell us why you would like to serve on the Library Board and how your schedule

will accommodate the time needed?

Mr. Johnson: He is very active in the community, currently on the Avondale School Board. He would like to revitalize ties between the school district and the library.

5. **S. McCallister: Confirmed the question was covered in the last response, but maybe there is something to be added to - Describe your experience and background that is relevant to serving on the Auburn Hills Public Library Board and what would make you an effective Board member?**

Mr. Johnson: Being a current board member of the Avondale Schools gives him an advantage on how a board is run. He is current vice president of the school board and in line to becoming the president next year.

6. **President Mitchell: How would you keep abreast of Auburn Hills Public Library services and promote these services with the community and legislators?**

Mr. Johnson: Social networking is one of his strengths.

7. **Ms. River: What would be your greatest strength that you can bring to the Auburn Hills Public Library Board?**

Mr. Johnson: He is a people-person and he likes to talk.

8. **T. Spurlin: What do you see as the role of the Library Board?**

Mr. Johnson: Overseer of the day-to-day operations of the library.

9. **T. Whitley: Is there any particular area of the library's operation that interests you?**

Mr. Johnson: Technology

10. **S. McCallister: As library services evolve, what traditional services should be kept? How should a library adapt to new technologies and patron expectations?**

Mr. Johnson: Even though he uses e-books, nook, etc., he would still like to have the traditional books in print at the library.

11. **President Mitchell: How might you handle citizens' concerns about a problem they had at the Library?**

Mr. Johnson: Bring the matter to the board for discussion.

12. **A. River: How should a Board respond to a public concern about material in the library?**

Mr. Johnson: He would bring the matter to the board to see why the requested material is not available. He would research and address the rules & regulations concerning the material. If new material is requested, he'd address to the board to see how to handle the issue going forward.

13. **T. Spurlin: For the operations of the library, how would you distinguish between the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees and the Library Director?**

Mr. Johnson: Supporting the director to make community wishes available. Mr. Johnson referenced a similar relationship to the school board and the superintendent. **Mr. Johnson talked about the school board and superintendent by defining what and how.**

14. **T. Whitley: Please discuss briefly the goals and directions that you feel should be important to this Board.**

Mr. Johnson: Community outreach; clientele; growth and adjustments.

V. Mitchell explained that there are more candidates to interview and there will be some time before he hears from the Board but he will be contacted at some point with the results of the interview. V. Mitchell explained the 2013 election process.

The interview with Mr. Johnson concluded.

President Mitchell welcomed Mr. Borucki and introduced herself, then Vice President Angela River, Tina Spurlin, Toni Whitley, and Scott McCallister. President Mitchell explained each Board member will be asking a series of questions.

1. President Mitchell: Please tell us about yourself:

Mr. Borucki: Served on Meadow Brook Condo Association as treasurer; member of St. John's Fischer; is an accountant by trade; responsible for maintenance, fund-raising and accounting at St. John's. Attended Wayne State University and received Bachelors of Science in Business Administration w/ Accounting as minor. Previously worked for Masco Company as Controller and Internal Auditor. Has been life-long lover of libraries.

2. A. River: Are you currently a user of the Auburn Hills Public Library?

Mr. Borucki: Uses books on tapes as well as movies.

3. A. Spurlin: Are you a registered voter?

Mr. Borucki: Yes

4. T. Whitley: Tell us why you would like to serve on the Library Board and how your schedule will accommodate the time needed?

Mr. Borucki: Wants to give back to the community. Flexible schedule at work to schedule meetings. Only lives 1-1/2 miles away from library.

5. S. McCallister: Confirmed the question was covered in the last response, but maybe there is something to be added to - Describe your experience and background that is relevant to serving on the Auburn Hills Public Library Board and what would make you an effective Board member?

Mr. Borucki: Church member told him about opening and he is also a member of the Friends of the Library. Wants to work with us. Said he had attended one of our previous meetings and was very impressed at how professionally run our board meeting was.

6. President Mitchell: How would you keep abreast of Auburn Hills Public Library services and promote these services with the community and legislators?

Mr. Borucki: He does not know how to answer. It would be a learning experience **initially but he is willing to learn.**

7. Ms. River: What would be your greatest strength that you can bring to the Auburn Hills Public Library Board?

Mr. Borucki: The ability to listen to new ideas, give his support and not discourage people with bad ideas. He is open to learning.

8. T. Spurlin: What do you see as the role of the Library Board?

Mr. Borucki: Having fiduciary responsibilities; advocate for the library and the community.

9. T. Whitley : Is there any particular area of the library's operation that interests you?

Mr. Borucki: He loves coming to the Friends' Sale and Buy Books.

10. S. McCallister: As library services evolve, what traditional services should be kept? How should a library adapt to new technologies and patron expectations?

Mr. Borucki: Libraries is a human contact and relationship building. We need to make sure the community feels comfortable coming to us with their new ideas to help the library evolve.

11. President Mitchell: How might you handle citizens' concerns about a problem they had at the Library?

Mr. Borucki: Get their input; get the other side by listening to both sides. Most times, people just want to

be heard and recognized. After listening, he would bring the matter to the board for discussion.

12. A. River: How should a Board respond to a public concern about material in the library?

Mr. Borucki: Listen to their concern, not sacrificing his principles, discuss with the board. This is new to him, but he's willing to learn.

13. T. Spurlin: For the operations of the library, how would you distinguish between the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees and the Library Director?

Mr. Borucki: Board sets the tone, director carries it out.

14. T. Whitley: Please discuss briefly the goals and directions that you feel should be important to this Board.

Mr. Borucki: Maintain fiscal integrity; make sure we're vital and accessible to the community.

V. Mitchell asked Mr. Borucki if there were any questions for the Board.

Mr. Borucki asked the board a series of questions.

The interview with Mr. Borucki concluded.

V. Mitchell inquired about having special meeting for the purpose of interviewing the remaining candidates?

There was a brief discussion and the board decided to invite Mr. Mojet' to interview at the March 26, 2013 regular board meeting.

5. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:40 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Secretary of the Board, Toni Whitley