

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

January 8, 2013

A special meeting of the Spokane Public Library Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at the Downtown Library.

Present were:

MEMBERS	Mr. Jack Fallis, Chair Mr. Nathan Smith Mr. Jim Kershner Ms. Anne Walter
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	Ms. Pat Partovi
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON	Mr. Ben Stuckart

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

VISITORS

Mayor David Condon.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

4a. Discussion of 2014 Library Budget and Proposed Levy Lid Lift

Board Chair Jack Fallis explained that the purpose of the meeting was to initiate a discussion with the Mayor and the community about the library and library funding. Library Director Pat Partovi briefly mentioned the unreliability of the Library's revenue streams, discussed the Library's goal of establishing sustainable funding, and expressed a desire to work with the City in doing so. Jack Fallis expressed interest in starting a community dialogue about the Library's future and invited questions from the Mayor. Mayor David Condon discussed integrating the Library with other City departments along with several other topics, including the changing nature of access to information, revenue streams for the Library, and a proposal to change state law to allow the creation of municipal library districts. Substantial discussion of these and other topics followed, including the proposed levy lid lift, the future of the Library, communication with the public about library issues, strategic planning, and the Library's value to citizens.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no additional items or changes to the agenda.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at the Downtown Library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Secretary _____

Chairman, Board of Trustees _____ Date _____