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**MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD held on February 18, 2021 via Zoom**

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- I. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 10 am by Alma Howell
- II. Roll Call  
Present:
  - Alma Howell (Chair)
  - Tim Holt
  - Mary Jo Dhein
  - Michael Rothmiller
  - Jennifer Knight
  - Lois Fruhwirth
  - Diane Catlin
  - Council Liaison, Councilwoman Rusing
  - Staff Liaison, Roger Saft
- III. Approval of minutes of August 20,2020  
Minutes approved as presented
- IV. Current library services and anticipated changes due to COVID-19
  - a. Recent statistics
    - Fiscal year to date statistics presented by Library Director
    - Wireless computer use was available in the surrounding area of the library
    - Tax forms were available on table outside of building for people to collect
    - YLN statistics show that Prescott Public Library borrows more than it loans to others in the network due to the voracious reading habits of Prescott residents. 17% of items checked out to patrons come from other libraries in the network
    - CARES grant administered the Arizona State Library provided Zoom Business account that Support Services staff make available for community groups
      - Fruhwirth question: How are community groups defined?  
Answer: nonprofit, not-for-profit and not formally organized groups. No business or for-profit groups.

- Rusing: Good idea to call in experts to look at big picture. Need to make sure that it is done right and public has input into what they need and want
- Howell: Win/Win project. Knits together various aspects of Prescott. Brings together many groups in the community.
- Rusing: As we grow amenities need to grow in proportion to population growth.
- Dhein comment: Loves that building is linked to the environment. Has city considered Police substation in the area? Answer: Rusing: Growth to north will require fire stations to the north. Police are very mobile. Need to consider public safety services in area.
- Fruhwirth question: Will an interpretive center be separate or combined with a library? Answer: City Manager is moving in direction of a combined use facility.

#### VI. Staff Awards

- Circulation group received city award for Working as a Team. Nomination was anonymous but stressed their work to continue library service during COVID-19.
- Youth Services have consulted with Highlands Center to help plan a StoryWalk installation
- Fruhwirth question: how is the StoryWalk in Granite Creek Park maintained? Will it be refreshed? Answer: Youth Services staff will update/replace on quarterly basis.

#### VII. Topics for next meeting

- Information on city budget
- How much CARES act did library receive?

#### VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 10:45 am.

*Alma C. Howell*

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**Alma Howell, Chair**

*Roger Saft*  


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**Roger Saft, Library Director**