

Pleasant Hill Library Task Force Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: **June 13, 2016**

Large Community Room, Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Attendees:

- Michael Harris, Pleasant Hill City Council
- Sue Noack, Pleasant Hill City Council
- Bill Bankert, Planning Commission
- Terry Speiker, Interim County Librarian
- Jack Prosek, Pleasant Hill Library Fund
- Patrick Remer, PH Library
- Katherine Bracken, PH Library Commissioner
- Kim Brandt, Resident
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- June Catalano, City Manager
- Rob Greathouse, MDUSD
- Lisa Chow, Supervisor Mitchoff's Office
- Steve Van Dorn, PH Chamber of Commerce
- Susan Weaver, Friends of the Library
- Terry Gerbracht, PH Resident
- Martin Nelis, City staff

Introduction and Welcome to Terry Speiker, Interim County Librarian

Terry Speiker stated that although she had recently retired from County Administration, she had agreed to serve as the interim County Librarian until a new permanent Librarian was appointed.

Update on Funding Mechanisms Subcommittee meetings

Mayor Noack gave a report on the work of the Funding Mechanisms subcommittee of the City Council. The subcommittee has met three times to look at possible funding sources and mechanisms for potential City projects. The City's financial condition is strong meaning that it has a good revenue base and solid surplus; the City has no General Obligation debt so has no credit rating at this point, and other City debt is due to be paid off by end of FY 2017/18. There various funding mechanisms including traditional bond financing methods – General Obligation bonds requiring 2/3 voter approval or revenue bonds requiring no voter approval. Other possible funding sources include pooled loan financing, direct lending, special district financing or transaction & use tax (or sales tax).

Presentation on City Needs & Priorities

Staff liaison Nelis gave a powerpoint presentation on financial challenges facing the City of Pleasant Hill. The presentation addressed the fact that State takeaways of City revenue over the past 20 years, coupled with the effects of the recession, has resulted in the City deferring critical maintenance and upgrades to its infrastructure including streets, roads, sidewalks and storm drain system. The presentation also addressed the need to replace the library building with a new

community library. Nelis mentioned that in a recent survey conducted by a Godbe Research on behalf of the City, residents identified five key priorities that needed to be addressed:

- Fixing potholes and repairing neighborhood and city streets and roads
- Maintaining neighborhood police patrols
- Repairing and maintaining sidewalks throughout the city
- Maintaining storm drains
- Providing a library that meets current health, safety, fire and seismic standards

Nelis mentioned that the City was now engaging in a follow up online survey on the City's website to receive additional feedback on some of the issues raised in the earlier survey and asking for additional comments from survey participants.

Reports from Sub-committees

There were no substantive reports from any subcommittees.

Future meeting date

The Task Force agreed to meet again at 11:00 a.m. on July 11, 2016.