

Board of Directors
Special Meeting Agenda
 Thursday, July 20, 2023, 5:30pm
 Columbia Room and Zoom
 502 State St, Hood River

Library Board:

Present: Board President: Brian Hackett, Board Vice-President: Karen Bureker, Board members: Megan Janik, Sara Marsden. Jean Sheppard. Library staff member: Rachael Fox.

The Hood River County Library District will hold this meeting by offering a hybrid format. Participants can attend in-person or on Zoom Conferencing. Please use the following phone number or video link: 1-253-215-8782 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88525032817>, Meeting ID: 885 2503 2817

	Agenda Items	Action	Responsible
I.	Call to Order Library Board President called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.		Brian Hackett
II.	Approval of the agenda (additions/corrections/deletions) Sheppard moved to approve the agenda. Janik seconded. The motion carried unanimously.	Motion	Brian Hackett
III.	Westside Urban Renewal Plan The Westside Urban Renewal Plan was initially drafted by Sheppard and later reviewed and revised by the Library Board. During the discussion, Hackett stated it was interesting how the plan was funded. Questions arose about whether county and city employees would be involved in the project and if the city and county would be paid with the funds from the urban renewal district, to which Sheppard mentioned the city received their revenue from parking fees and other sources and not taxes. Hackett pointed out the lack of facilities in the urban renewal district, and Bureker stated fire districts are impacted in the same way as libraries. Janik stated she was unsure of the long-term benefits of the plan, given the potential creation of a new urban renewal district after this one is dissolved. Questions were raised about the duration of the plan and the length was most likely to allow repayment of bonds. Sheppard clarified that the plan included commercial areas such as Wind Master and other businesses, leading to concerns from library board members about the city's capacity to handle	Motion	Brian Hackett

	<p>an influx of new homes and the need for improved infrastructure.</p> <p>Legal recourse and the selection process for targeted entities were discussed, with Hackett suggesting that the plan should only be authorized by voters. Board members questioned the fairness of the funds being taken without a guarantee of return.</p> <p>Bureker inquired about the funding withheld by the existing urban renewals, and Fox referred to the Board packet for the combined amount the library was paying to them. The status of various ongoing urban renewal projects was also mentioned.</p> <p>Bureker brought up concerns about the plan's effects on schools, and Sheppard clarified that no housing was included, and Hackett replied there was a need to increase enrollment.</p> <p>Funding discrepancies between the Library District and Parks and Rec, and the necessity of cutting services due to lack of additional funding sources, were also discussed.</p> <p>Bureker mentioned the potential impact on library operations over the course of 25 years.</p> <p>There was also a discussion about adding the beginning fund balance for both the Port of Hood River and the Library District and the comparison was added to the letter.</p> <p>In addition, the comparison was made that the six million dollars forgone by the Library District compares to two years of operating budget.</p> <p>Decisions were made to finalize the document and Hackett offered to provide the edits in handwritten form. Fox agreed to type up the document and then the Library Board members agreed to sign the document on library letterhead. Hackett would then submit the letter to the City Council.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with plans for a public hearing on August 14, which Sheppard will attend.</p>		
XIV.	<p>Adjournment regular meeting The meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.</p>		Brian Hackett

Other matters may be discussed as deemed appropriate by the Board. If necessary, Executive Session may be held in accordance with the following. Bolded topics are scheduled for the current meeting's executive session.

- ORS 192.660 (1) (d) Labor Negotiations
- ORS 192.660 (1) (e) Property
- ORS 192.660 (1) (h) Legal Rights
- ORS 192.660 (1) (i) Personnel

The Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Jeanne Marie Gaulke Memorial Meeting Room at 502 State Street, Hood River, Oregon. Sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired is available if at least 48 hours notice is given.