CITY OF MOUNT DORA

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W.T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
Community Room, W.T. Bland Public Library, 1195 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
November 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

A. October 11, 2021 Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

IV. Public Comment

V. Presentations

VI. Library Manager's Report

VII. Action Items

A. Donation of Garden Sculpture

VIII. Discussion Items

IX. Liaison Report

X. Future Meeting Dates

XI. Adjournment

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W. T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
Monday, October 11, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: John Stewart (Chair), Cathy Gillespie (Co-Chair), Ellen August, Jane Trimble (Secretary) Susan Myers, Tiffany Patterson (Alternate), William Lowery (Alternate)

ABSENT: Helen Cutshaw and Carolyn Fountain

CITY STAFF: Cathy Lunday-Library Manager, Lynn Gonzales-Youth Services Librarian and LaJun Garry-Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Campbell-President Friends of the Library

I. Call to Order
Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2021
MOTION by Ms. Gillespie SECONDED by Ms. Trimble to approve minutes from September 13, 2021, 2021.

AYE: Stewart, Gillespie, August, Trimble, Myers, Lowery, Patterson

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 7-0

IV. Public Comment
None

V. Presentations
None

VI. Library Manager's Report

Ms. Lunday shared:

- The Library ended the fiscal year with over 211,000 circulations which is a lower total than the prior year due to no automatic renewals and the cooperative shrank as well. We dropped 15% from the prior year.
- Completed our second Sunday with 130 circulations per day. Pre COVID-19 it was over 300 circulations on Sundays.
- Looking to restart all programming for story times, tech classes and concerts in January 2022. We currently offer pop-up story time for children.
- Ms. Gonzales explained pop-up story time occurs anytime you come into the library with your little one and ask for a pop-up story time. If you don't ask for a pop-up story time staff with offer one to you. A pop-up story time consists of one-on-one interaction with the child that could last about 10-15 minutes depending on the child. To enhance the story, staff uses puppets and pop-up books. We have three staff members who write little rhymes, finger plays and songs that we incorporate into our pop up story times.
- Parking update - Faden Builders has surveyed the lot, estimates a ninety day timeframe but has not given our Construction Manager a start day. We expect it to be mid to late November. We will have a photo op as soon as we have a start date.
- Children's Library Expansion - Had a walk-through with Faden Builders last week. They reviewed all blueprints and are putting together their timeframe. Our hope is the start date will be sometime around January 2022.
- Grant request we submitted to the Community Trust for $3,700 to purchase new lobby furniture was denied, due to the focus on the high school stadium.
- AWE terminals – We are cautiously optimistic about this $20,359 grant, as a decline notice was not received. The county also asked for smart whiteboards for all of the libraries. If awarded, Mount Dora will receive two smart whiteboards, as will Leesburg.
- Forest Preserve - On September 13, 2021, the Library Advisory Board approved FDRAP grant for $50,000. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the grant on September 14, 2021, and on September 21, 2021 it was presented to City Council, which unanimously approved the grant. Neighbors expressed their concerns. Propose a walkabout for neighbors in mid-January 2022.
- A group of ladies are interested in donating a sculpture to be put in the Butterfly Garden. No funds from the City of Mount Dora are required for this. They will put their wish in writing.
- Friends of the Library is funding our November celebration of all things Harry Potter, including a Hogwarts lobby experience, book giveaways and new related circulating content.

VII. Action Items

None

VIII. Discussion Items

The Library reported that prosecutors in Wyoming are evaluating whether to file criminal charges against librarians at a public library for stocking books in sections for children and teenagers. She reported that we purchase or add about 500 books per month to the collection that some say are obscene and that various publishers and reviewers are consulted during this process. One key point is that the Mount Dora Library places its Young Adult Nonfiction in with Adult Nonfiction.

Ms. Lunday asked for feedback. Discussion ensued. Ms. Lunday reminded the board regarding the challenge process of a complaint. If a complaint is filed the Library Manger has 20 days to review and respond. If the patron doesn't like the library manager's response the complaint then comes before the Library Advisory board.

Ms. Lunday informed board members whose terms are expiring. The question was asked how many years a person can serve on the board. Ms. Lunday will report on this at next month's meeting.

IX. Liaison Report

President of Friends of the Library Ms. Campbell reported:

- Their fiscal year is the same as the Library's. Gross revenue for this year was $30,891 with 226 donors.
- As a fundraiser they had a printing company mail out 6000 appeal letters that grossed $13,000 and the net amount on this was $9,623.
- Sent out newsletter to 400 donors telling them about new materials and what's happening in the Children's Library and this generated $5,050.
- Book Nook donations exceeded what they expected to receive for the year by $1000.
- Focusing in the upcoming year 1BBK, Wonderbooks, and the need for children learning to read.
- Future fundraiser in February partnering with Parks and Recreation for movie and food truck night in Donnelly Park.

X. Future Meeting Date

1. November 8, 2021

XI. Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Gillespie, SECONDED by Ms. Myers to adjourn the September 13, 2021 meeting.

AYE: Stewart, Gillespie, August, Trimble, Myers, Lowery, Patterson

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 7-0

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John Stewart, Chair Cathy Lunday, Library Manager

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DATE: **November 8, 2021**

TO: **Library Advisory Board Members**

FROM: **Cathy Lunday, Library Manager**

SUBJECT: Donation of Garden Sculpture

Introduction:

A group of Mount Dora residents have offered to donate a $7,600 garden sculpture to the City for placement in the Nunan Butterfly Garden. The City Manager has accepted this gift and the Mount Dora Community Trust has facilitated the purchase on behalf of the donors.

Discussion:

The Nunan Butterfly Garden was completed in 2017, with a professionally designed plan that featured a central 'color wheel' as the garden's focal point. This open center is 40' in diameter and provides a terminal point for all the surrounding garden paths. It was intentionally left empty for events or for a possible central feature in the future. Although the fundraising completed for the 2017 completion didn't include a sculpture, this particular garden feature by Sculptor Robert C. Anderson was researched at that time and was included in future plans for the garden. The center space is more than wide enough to accommodate the sculpture, which is 4' in diameter. The sculpture is comprised of powdercoated steel and features a circular planter which rests on ball bearings, making it easy to spin (ATTACHMENT #1). This spinning creates a kaleidoscope effect when viewed through the three brass scopes (one at ADA/child's height).

A group of Mount Dora women requested a tour of the Nunan Butterfly Garden in October 2021 and indicated their interest in wholly sponsoring the addition of the garden sculpture. The artist was contacted and specifications for the model and number of kaleidoscopes were given. Staff conducted reference checks for other installations, including the towns of Venice and Ormond Beach, Florida, which both reported very favorable experiences with their public sculptures by this artist.

Installation of a concrete base, upon which the garden sculpture will be mounted, will be accomplished by Public Works staff. Maintenance, including watering and flower replacement, will be performed by garden volunteers. The flowering plants used for the planter will be

nursery-grown annuals at the peak of their blooms, for maximum kaleidoscopic effect. A sponsor will be sought for these flower purchases, which will likely occur every one or two months. The installation and unveiling ceremony is planned for December 2021.

Once installed, the garden sculpture will be a popular focal point for residents and visitors of all ages, reinforcing Mount Dora's reputation as a city of beauty and charm.

Budget Impact:

Other than routine supplies required for installation, no direct or indirect costs will be incurred by accepting this garden sculpture donation, which has a $7,600 value. The Mount Dora Community Trust paid for the sculpture on November 1, 2021 (ATTACHMENT #2).

Strategic Impact:

Continually improving the aesthetic experience of the Library campus for residents and visitors is an inherent part of the City's economic development strategic plan's goal of 'enhancing Mount Dora as a destination.'

Recommendation On Tuesday, October 26, 2021, the Public Arts Commission unanimously recommended City Council to accept this donation. Recommendation for the Library Advisory Board to also advise City Council to accept this donation for installation in the Nunan Butterfly Garden.

Attachment(s):

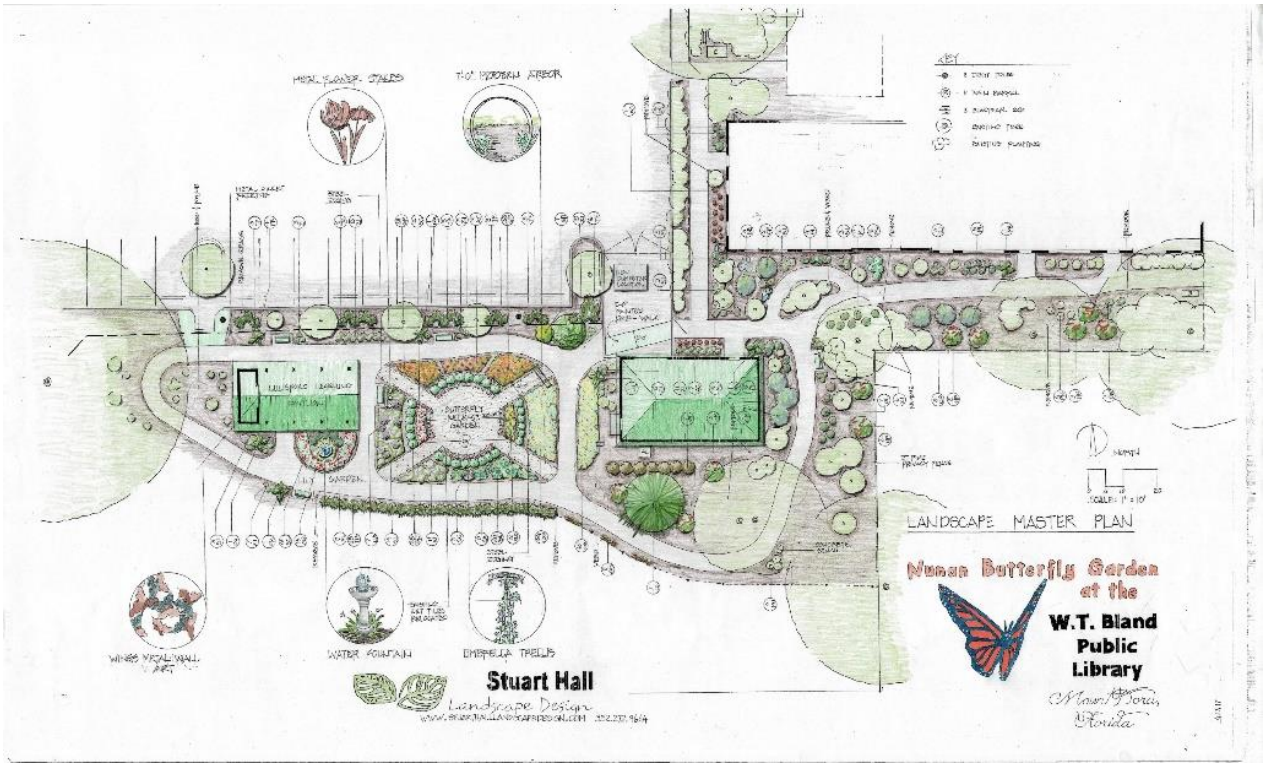
1. ATTACHMENT #1 - Garden Kaleidoscope
2. ATTACHMENT #2 - Invoice Mount Dora FL

Prepared by: Cathy Lunday, Library Manager
Reviewed by: Amy Jewell, Leisure Services Director Final Approval - 11/3/2021

ATTACHMENT #1

W.T. Bland Public Library
Nunan Butterfly Garden
Donation of Garden Kaleidoscope
October 2021

Sculptor Robert C. Anderson's (https://rcandersondoorcounty.com/) 'large atomic garden kaleidoscope' on the left; sample finish on the right:



ATTACHMENT #2

R.C. Anderson Co., LLC — Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Sales Invoice No. 918 — October 28, 2021

Ordered by:	Mount Dora Community Trust
Description:	Large Atomic Garden Kaleidoscope sculpture with three brass optical viewing teleidoscopes mounted at different levels on the sculpture – lowest scope is approximately 37" from ground *
Quantity:	One
Finish:	Copper-vein powdercoat
Price:	$7,600.00 *
Freight:	$0.00
Other:	Three complimentary steel locking collars are provided for the brass scopes ($150.00 value). A plastic planting liner is also provided.

* Originally ordered Large Atomic with 2 scopes; however, Large Atomic with 3 scopes, fit the customer's objectives better. R.C. Anderson Co., LLC is underwriting the price difference between the two designs.

Preparation of a concrete pad that is approximately 32" in diameter or square and 6" thick is the responsibility of the customer and is not included in the pricing here. The top of the pad should be 2-3" below finished grade.

Delivery Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021; morning hours
Delivery Location:	1995 N. Donnelly Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757

Robert C. Anderson
R. C. Anderson Co., LLC
P. O. Box 45
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
(920) 493-0994 cell

Signature: Sarah Hurwell 11/1/21

Mount Dora Community Trust / Date