

TADL Board of Library Trustees

Policy Committee

Minutes

June 2, 2016 - 10:00 AM ~ Thirlby Room

In Attendance:

J. Jones (Chair), J. Beasley and A. Marek, trustees, and G. Parsons and J. Porter, staff.

Agenda Approval – The agenda was accepted with the addition of Ethics Policy Discussion.

Minutes Approval – The minutes of the March 3, 2016, meeting were approved as distributed.

Public Comment – There was none.

Unattended Children Policy

Marek asked to review the policy following a patron complaint he had received from someone who was unhappy that staff told her that she couldn't leave her 9 and 7 year old children unattended. Following discussion, Parsons was directed by Marek to check with legal counsel regarding the possibility of some type of waiver that might be used in situations like this. Jones recommended no change to the policy since it seems to work well generally and is in line with what other libraries have. Part of the discussion also included disabled adults who are dropped off at the library without supervision for hours at a time. Parsons will also discuss this with legal counsel.

Smoking Policy

Parsons brought to the committee's attention the fact that administration receives many complaints about smoking on library property and that she feels responsible to address those complaints. There are problems with people smoking near the flagpole where the bike racks are which tends to result in patrons not wanting to use the racks. The presence of multiple individuals standing in front of the library also does not present a welcoming, comfortable environment for families that want to visit. Additionally, people drop their cigarette butts on the sidewalk and in the area that has been beautifully landscaped, which is also a source of complaints. Library staff also has expressed a desire to have a ban and have indicated that they are ready to enforce a ban if it is enacted. It was recommended to take the issue of a campus-wide smoking ban to the full board at the next meeting for discussion.

Ethics Policy Discussion

Jones asked about the Ethics Policy and wanted to ensure that it would be on the agenda at the June meeting. Marek noted that it is intended to protect the entity and that it has been enacted by the County Road Commission. He also said that our legal counsel will be able to answer any questions related to the policy at the meeting should there be any. A motion was made, supported and passed to place the topic on the June agenda.

Topics for Next Meeting:

Public Comment – There was none.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2016

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.