

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LIBRARY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman—Chad Scott (MBR 7)

Vice Chair—Michelle Dempsey (MBR 2)

MBR1—Nancy Bertels

MBR3—Aaron Malone

MBR4—Dorothy Denison

MBR5—Erik Palin

MBR6—Susan Hillman

ALT1—Camilla (Nan) Potts

ALT2—Sally Pollen



MEETING MINUTES
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350 EAST DAHLIA AVE, PALMER

REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

September 9, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 5 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present – Chad Scott, Michelle Dempsey, Nancy Bertels, Aaron Malone, Dorothy Denison, Susan Hillman, Sally Pollen, Camilla Potts (voting alternate)

B. Absent – Erik Palin

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Agenda approved unanimously

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Mr. Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. AUGUST 10, 2024 – Mr. Malone moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, unanimous consent.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Jillian Morrissey – Community Development Director – Ms. Morrissey read aloud her memo on the final decision of the book “Identical”, it will be reshelfed to the adult section.
- B. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie reminded the committee of the score sheet and materials collection procedure after the meeting. Mr. Leslie stated the only book we have in hand to provide the committee currently is “Damsel”, if they choose another title, it will take some time to acquire.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (2 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Mary McCrum – Ms. McCrum stated her opinion on censorship.
- B. Lynn Lovegreen – Ms. Lovegreen thanked the committee for allowing the public to speak and stated her position on how books support teens and young adults.
- C. Linda Spohm – Ms. Spohm stated her opinion on the book “Identical”.
- D. Jeanne Troshynski – Ms. Troshynski shared two Alaska statutes and her opinion on the material being reconsidered.
- E. Mary Robinson – Ms. Robinson shared her opinion on the responsibility of parents regarding library materials.
- F. Kathy Kysar – Ms. Kysar shared a research study regarding young adults and reading.
- G. Jackie Goforth – Ms. Goforth shared her opinion on the LCAC and other similar committees.
- H. Karen Lewis – Ms. Lewis shared her opinion on the challenged material.
- I. Mary Ravetta – Ms. Ravetta shared her opinion on the challenged material.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration
 1. Red Hood; Elana K. Arnold ISBN 978-0062742353
 - 2 votes to reshelve the book to the adult section (Hillman, Bertels)
 - 5 votes to remove the book from the library (Malone, Potts, Scott, Dempsey, Denison)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration
 1. Damsel; Elana K. Arnold ISBN 978-0-06-274232-2
 - Postponed to the next meeting by unanimous consent.
 2. Forever; Judy Blume ISBN 978-1-4814-1442-5
 - Ms. Bertels moved to review “Forever”, unanimous consent.
 3. The Haters; Jesse Andrews ISBN 978-1-4197-2018-9
 - Postponed to the next meeting by unanimous consent.

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. OCTOBER 14, 2024 – accepted unanimously.

XI. MEMBERS, STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Ms. Potts thanked the other committee members.
- B. Ms. Bertels suggested two questions be removed from the score sheet. Will put on next meeting's agenda.
- C. Ms. Pollen asked if there's a limit to what the supporters of the challenged material will accept.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourned 6:37 pm

X 
Chad Scott- Chair

Date: 10-14-24

ATTEST:

X 
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

Date: 10/14/24