

PUBLIC NOTICE

North Valley Public Library Board of Trustees SPECIAL Board Meeting

208 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59870

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 3pm

Meetings are open to the public.

Community Room

Agenda

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Public Comment¹
- Business
 - ❖ Board will consider Community Room policy and whether to update or grant special permission for film production to use library
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

¹ If you are a member of the public and are unable to attend the Board meetings, the Board would still like to hear from you. Please email the Director at denisea@northvalleylibrary.org or you can email board members directly. A link to Trustee contact information can be found on our website at northvalleylibrary.org/board—information.

North Valley Public Library
Minutes of Board of Trustees SPECIAL Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 3pm

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Victoria Howell called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Victoria Howell, Chair
Leon Theroux
Dianne Snedigar

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Caitlin Dunn, Vice Chair and Kim Tiplady

STAFF PRESENT Denise Ard, Director

PUBLIC COMMENT *Yellowstone/1883* Location Manager Will Angst said that they would like to have permission to use the Community Room with short notice for spontaneous meetings. He said *Yellowstone* has about 30 people working next door and on occasion may need to talk in a quiet space. He said they may want it up to 1-3 times a week and meetings could go for as short as 10 minutes to as long as 3 hours. However it is possible they might not need it at all, but he wants it arranged just in case. He said they would be willing to make a donation in addition to paying the hourly rate. The production team works 8:45am-6pmish so they may want it at any of those times. He said they would never displace library programs, but they would like the private meeting exception.

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The board questioned Will on a few more details which he provided and asked Denise when library programs were. The board asked Will to confirm that they would not disturb those program times and he reiterated that they do not want to disturb library programs and would vacate the room in a timely and tidily matter so there would be no disruption to library programming.

Victoria said she was not in favor of making special exceptions for particular industries. Denise said she did not see it as a problem as a public entity since it was backed by legislature and that film/television was in keeping with what the library provides and film/television production in the community was good for the economy. Victoria replied all businesses are of benefit to the community. Denise said the wording of the policy should not be too wide because the board would receive regular request for private parties and meetings since the library received such inquiries regularly.

Dianne said she is in favor of allowing *Yellowstone* to use the room and that she did not think the library would get inundated with requests by added the Uncommon Exception to Public Usage statement about film and television to the Community Room & Makerspace Use Policy.

Dianne made a motion to add the following language to the Community Room & Makerspace Use Policy and Leon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

UNCOMMON EXCEPTIONS TO PUBLIC USAGE:

The Montana State Legislature passed the Montana Economic Development Industry Advancement Act

(MEDIA Act) in 2019 to provide an income tax incentive to attract film, television, and other media production to the State because film production generates significant economic activity for their host communities, drawing out-of-town spending, generating jobs, and bolstering local businesses.

The library supports the MEDIA Act by making its facilities available at a fee of not less than \$100 per use, as long as the use does not interfere with the regular operations of the library, including library programs and meetings. The director determines what use can be accommodated without disrupting the library. If a film, television, or other media production wants to use the patron areas for filming then special permission from the board is required and producers should ask to be placed on the agenda of a regularly scheduled monthly board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT The board adjourned at 3:32.

Minutes by Denise E. Ard