

DATE: March 15, 2011
STAFF: Wendy Williams

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

Resolution 2011-028 Ratifying the Reappointment of Linda Gabel and the Appointment of Cara Neth to the Poudre River Public Library District Board of Trustees.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolution 2007-026 ratified the initial appointments to the Library Board of Trustees on March 6, 2007. Seven Trustees were appointed to the Board with initial terms ranging from 1 to 5 years. The initial term of Trustee Nina Bodenhammer expired on March 6, 2011, and she has decided not to seek reappointment for a second term.

On March 24, 2009, Council adopted Resolution 2009-031 ratifying the appointment of Linda Gabel to fill the unexpired term of resigning member Robert Viscount. Linda Gabel's term expired on March 6, 2011, and she has expressed a desire to serve another term.

The Library Trustee Selection Committee, comprised of Councilmembers Ben Manvel and Lisa Poppaw and Larimer County Commissioners Lew Gaiter and Steve Johnson, unanimously recommends the reappointment of Linda Gabel to the Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term and the appointment of Cara Neth for a four-year term.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

In November 2006, voters approved the formation of the Fort Collins Regional Library District. This name was changed to the Poudre River Public Library District in February 2009. The City Council and County Commissioners formed a Library District Trustee Selection Committee, comprised of two Councilmembers and two Commissioners. The Committee interviewed numerous candidates for the Board of Trustees and recommended seven candidates to the full Council and to the Commissioners for ratification. The candidates were ratified unanimously by both the Council and the Commissioners.

The intergovernmental agreement between the City, County and District sets out the process for appointing Trustees. It provides that a committee, comprised of two members of Council and two Commissioners, will recommend a candidate for appointment who must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of both the full Council and the Commissioners.

The Committee, comprised of Councilmembers Ben Manvel and Lisa Poppaw and Commissioners Lew Gaiter and Steve Johnson, met on March 2, 2011. The Committee unanimously recommends to the Council and the Commissioners that Linda Gabel be reappointed to the Poudre River Public Library District Board of Trustees for a four-year term, and Cara Neth be appointed for a four-year term, as provided in the Board's bylaws.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2011-028
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
RATIFYING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA GABEL
AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CARA NETH TO
THE POUDBRE RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, the voters approved a citizen initiative to establish and fund the Fort Collins Regional Library District, now called the Poudre River Public Library District (the "Library District"), pursuant to Sections 24-90-101 to 606 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (the "Library Law"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Library Law, the City Council and Larimer County Commissioners each appointed two of their members to a committee (the "Committee") to fill seven positions on the initial board of trustees of the Library District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Library Law, the City Council ratified the appointment of seven trustees to the Library Board of Trustees on March 6, 2007, pursuant to Resolution 2007-026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Bylaws of the Library District Board of Trustees, a trustee may serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms, which are staggered so that one or two trustees are appointed or reappointed every year; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2009, the City Council passed Resolution 2009-031 ratifying the appointment of Linda Gabel to the Library Board of Trustees to fill a vacant seat; and

WHEREAS, the term of Trustee Linda Gabel expired on March 6, 2011, and she has expressed a desire to serve another term; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of Trustee Nina Bodenhammer expired on March 6, 2011, and she has decided not to seek reappointment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has performed impressively, working well together and undertaking a heavy work load with passion, dedication and a commitment to providing exceptional library services to the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2011, the Committee met and decided to reappoint Ms. Gabel to a second term and to appoint Cara Neth to a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, Section 24-90-108(2)(b) of the Library Law requires that the Committee's trustee appointments be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the legislative body of each governmental unit participating in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that pursuant to the requirements of the Colorado Library Law, the City Council, by a two-thirds majority vote of its members, hereby ratifies the Committee's reappointment of Linda Gabel for a four year term, and the appointment of Cara Neth for a four year term, to the Board of Trustees of the Poudre River Public Library District; provided, however, that such action is contingent upon the Larimer County Commissioners taking similar action.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 15th day of March, A.D, 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk