

City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes July 19, 2022

OPENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board (the "Board") was called to order at 5:13 PM on July 19, 2022 by Ankit Saraf, Board Vice President. The meeting was held in person at the Bellevue Regional Library.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Kim Anderson, Chad Davis, Gunjan Murarka, Sarah Rock and Ankit Saraf

Board Members Absent: Jim Rusk, Peter Beeson

KCLS Representatives: Kirsten Corning

Friends of the Bellevue Library: none

Newport Way Library Association: Kim Anderson

Guests: none

INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting kicked off with a quick round of welcome.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from June 2022 were presented in the meeting for approval. Upon motion made by Chad Davis and seconded by Gunjan Murarka, the minutes were approved.

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Board Communications Policy

Vice President Ankit Saraf sent the Board bylaws to all to review after the last board meeting. The board discussed the bylaws and determined that no amendment was needed to address hybrid meetings at this time.

The board discussed the draft communications policy and agreed to send it to Karin Roberts for review and plans to vote on it at the September board meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Hybrid Meeting Options

Kirsten Corning let us know that the hybrid equipment was still delayed but hopes it will be here by the September meeting. Each region will get one hybrid equipment setup including a portable rotating camera. It is unclear how the equipment will integrate with existing meeting room equipment or projectors.

Future meetings will be held at Lake Hills (September) and Bellevue (October and November). Newport Way library is fully booked. Kirsten will follow up to see if we could book a room for a future meeting at Newport Way.

REPORTS

Report #1 – Bellevue Friends of Library

There was no report.

Report #2 – Newport Way Library Association report

Chad Davis and Kim Anderson shared that the June book sale went well, and sales were over \$1,000.

Kim expressed concerns that if friend groups are not able to store donations, they will not be able to raise funds to support library programming. Kirsten shared that the storage had become a problem before the pandemic and that the need to store PPE exaggerated storage issues. KCLS plans to work with friend groups to develop new storage guidelines.

Report #3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

Kirsten noted that in-person programming and Maker Space programming have resumed. She shared that the summer reading program is more popular this year but hasn't quite returned to pre-pandemic levels. The children's librarian did outreach in the local schools at the end of the year promoting the program and the Maker Space. She noted that Cecie Streitman was named the KCLS Director of Operations and KCLS is recruiting for the Bellevue region manager position.

Kirsten asked if the board would like any special presentations at upcoming meetings. The board discussed possible options including a distribution center tour, review of the KCLS budget, teen librarian presentation, and a Maker Space tour.

NEW BUSINESS

The board will discuss future meeting topics at the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Ankit Saraf and seconded by Chad Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

UPCOMING: The next meeting will be held on September 20, 2022 at the Lake Hills Library. There will be no meeting in August. The meeting agenda will be distributed by Jim Rusk, President, before the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Sarah Rock, Board Secretary

Approved: At the Bellevue Library Advisory Board Meeting on September 20, 2022