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City of Bellevue
Library Advisory Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:05PM on April 18, 2017 in the meeting room of the Downtown Bellevue Library, by Chad Davis, President.

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members Present: Judy Bailey, Chad Davis, Cris Dreher, Alice Lee, Loretta Lopez, Peter Maxim and Barbara Spindel

KCLS Representatives: LeGrand Olsen for Debra Westwood

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Ned Kurabi (absent)

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara Spindel

City of Bellevue Council Member: Jennifer Robertson

Public Comment Period:

Alex Hurtwell

Kim Anderson

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for March 2017 meeting were approved as submitted. They will be posted to the One Drive and forwarded to the City Clerk.

Reports:

Bellevue Friends of the Library and Newport Way Library Association Reports:

No report for BfoL due to the unavailability of a representative.

Barbara reported on activities and actions impacting Newport Way including:

- Shared the LAB report to the Bellevue City Council as information
- The sidewalk on Newport Way between the community center and Library has been delayed in construction. New timeframe is June-July 2018. The sidewalk will be 10 feet wide (north side of Newport Way) and have a bike lane on the opposite side of the street.
- Events at the Newport Way Library include:
 - March 29 – Civil Disagreement Talk at City Hall
 - April 26 – Cross-Cultural Communication
 - May 31 – Under our Skin...What do we mean when we talk about race
 - June 3 – Children's book sale

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KCLS Staff Report:

LeGrand reported that the Library will be participating in the Bellevue Arts Fair again this year and shifts will be available for members of the Board like last year.

Staff is preparing for the summer reading programs.

New KCLS Code of Conduct has been distributed and staff training is being scheduled to review.

An interim Executive Director will be appointed to replace Gary Wasdin while a search is conducted for a permanent replacement. A question was raised regarding changes that Gary had brought to the organization being reversed. Answer: It does not appear that the direction for KCLS will be effected by the change in leadership. Information on the Director search should be available within the next 30 days.

There will be Food Truck events again this summer (July and August).

Regular Business

Agenda Item 1 – Proposal for Board Officers:

Judy Bailey proposed that current officers remain in place until new appointments to the upcoming vacancies on the Board are filled to provide continuity. The by-laws of the Board prohibit this as nominations are due in April with the election in May, and officers taking they roles in June

Agenda Item 2 - City of Bellevue Council Member Jennifer Robertson visit:

Council Member Robertson reviewed the process for filling the upcoming vacancies on the Library Board. There was a general discussion of the criteria used for identification and selection of candidates including: geographic coverage; diversity representation; background/experience balance; and ability to work collaboratively with other Board members. The Board suggested that representation of specific constituencies is also important/desirable including the elderly and diverse ethnic communities. It was also suggested that consideration be given to establishing an adjunct Board position to represent youth.

The Board and Library staff engaged in a description and discussion of the proposed “maker space” being planned for the Downtown Library. There were several partnerships for supporting/expanding this opportunity discussed and additional work will be done in this area.

Additional discussion was engaged on the various partnerships underway between KCLS and various City of Bellevue departments and programs and the parking issues created by the opening of the KidsQuest museum adjacent to Ashwood Park.

Council Member Robertson presented Certificates of Appreciation and tokens to each of the members who are completing their last term on the Board.

Agenda Item 3 – Nominations for Board Officers:

Board members nominated for officer positions for the June 2017- May 2018 period:

- Chad Davis for President

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- Barbara Spindel for Vice President
- Cris Dreher for Secretary

Elections will be held at the May meeting.

New Business:

No new business items presented.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21PM by Chad Davis, President. The next general meeting will be at 5:00PM on May 16, 2017, at the Lake Hills Library.

Agenda for Next Meeting: Will be distributed by Chad Davis, President, prior to the May meeting.

Minutes Submitted By: Cris Dreher, Board Secretary