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**City of Bellevue  
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2017**

**Opening**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:08 PM on June 20, 2017 in the meeting room of the Newport Way Library, by Chad Davis, President.

**Meeting Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Kim Anderson, Chad Davis, Cris Dreher, Ron Higgs, Loretta Lopez, Gunjan Murarka, and Barbara Spindel

KCLS Representatives: Debra Westwood

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Ned Kurabi (absent)

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara Spindel

**Public Comment Period:**

No members of the public requested time for comments

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for May 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 from the BFoL.

Time expired before the opportunity for a report from Barbara on activities of the NWLA.

**KCLS Staff Report**

Debi Westwood provided the KCLS staff report. In addition to searching for a new Director, The CFO has announced his departure to return to the private sector so a search will be undertaken to fill that position. The Board of Trustees has finalized their selection of a search firm to pursue candidates for the Executive Director position.

A sheet was provided that detailed where the funding comes from for programs and services. KCLS is actually a "State agency" rather than a King County organization. Funding comes from a property tax levy that is specifically dedicated to supporting KCLS and bond proposals that go before voters (occasional and for specific purposes). The third source of funding comes from the KCLS Foundation and is used to service, programs, and projects (e.g., the coming "maker-space" being installed at Bellevue Downtown). The BFoL and Newport Way Library Association provide funding for programs and special projects.

**Regular Business**

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**Agenda Item 1 – Welcome to New Board Members:**

Chad Davis welcomed the new members to the Library Board whose appointments and terms were confirmed by the Bellevue City Council on June 19. :

- Kim Anderson
- Ron Higgs
- Gunjan Murarka

The Board took the opportunity to provide general information about their reasons and interests that has brought them to the organization and everyone expressed their confidence that we would enjoy a good working relationship in support of our mission of supporting the efforts of KCLS and the City in maintaining strong interaction on behalf of our community.

**Agenda Item 2 – Overview of KCLS Strategic Focus, Missions, and Values:**

Debra Westwood provided copies of the strategic focus documents that were developed through a process over the past year. The strategic plan had not been updated in many years. A number of people were trained to facilitate discussions within communities; surveys were initiated; and group discussion sessions were used to develop the resulting document. Overwhelming response pointed in the direction of a desire to help everyone in the community to “rise up” in their lives. KCLS will use this information as a way to develop programs in a way that facilitates dialogue.

The mission and values have been approved and disseminated. The key concept is a focus on “meaningful connections” which are unique for each community. Essentially, the mission is to provide services and access to information without bias or filtering. A question was raised by what the term “equity” means in the context of the mission. Equity does not mean equal since some communities are starting from a relatively lower position and may require more resources or attention than another. The Board engaged in a wide-ranging dialogue on how this may manifest and what some of the implications may be for different segments of the community.

As this rolls out Debi will provide updates and we can consider what and when we would share meaningful information with the City Council.

**New Business:**

No new business.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM by Chad Davis, President. The next general meeting will be at 5:00PM on July 18, 2017, at the Downtown Bellevue Library.

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

**Minutes Submitted By:** Cris Dreher, Board Secretary