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**City of Bellevue
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2018**

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:05 PM on May 15, 2018 in the meeting room of the Lake Hills 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: Lisa Rosenblum, Director; John Sheller, Government Relations Manager; and Debra Westwood, Regional Operations

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Julie Schuman

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara Spindel

Public Comment Period:

One public visitor attended but offered no comment.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for April 2018 meeting were approved. They will be posted on the LAB One Drive and filed with the Deputy City Clerk.

Special:

Ron Higgs announced that he has resigned his position on the Board due to having moved out of Bellevue.

Loretta Lopez and Ron Higgs were presented with appreciation gifts for their service. Loretta is retiring from the Board after two complete terms of exemplary service. Ron was appreciated for his year on the Board and his impactful contributions during that time.

Reports:

Bellevue Friends of the Library

No BFoL report due to time constraints of the agenda.

Newport Way Library Association:

No NWLA report due to time constraints of the agenda.

KCLS Staff Report

Debi announced that the Library construction closure will be for four weeks and likely in September. They are still working on logistics. Bellevue Library received kudos from the University of Washington document librarians for its work on Federal/Government Documents

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program as the repository for Federal and local government documents. This will be Debi's last LAB meeting before her June retirement. Details of her going-away party will be forthcoming.

Beth Rosanig, Youth Services Program Manager, provided an overview of the upcoming summer reading programs. The theme will be "Summer Reading is for Everyone." There are great prizes for participating and completing different levels of participation. Substantial communication is underway to ensure that anyone interested in participating will be aware. A number of other programs to support youth engagement have been organized for a successful summer. Program flyers will be available soon.

Regular Business

Agenda Item 1 – Meeting and Q&A with the New KCLS Director and Government Relations Manager, John Sheller

The Board welcomed the visit of Lisa Rosenblum, the recently appointed Director of KCLS. A discussion of her goals and priorities including community engagement, programs and services, and partnerships with local governments. Additionally, Ms. Rosenblum discussed a key focus on the financial condition of system as a priority for her. She discussed her views on the role and function of Library Advisory Boards and the value they provide as both a voice for the community as well as an advocate for the library with emphasis on the relationship with local elected officials. A wide-ranging discussion continued on topics and issues confronting libraries and their role in the community.

Agenda Item 2 – Election of Officers for the Coming Year

In lieu of additional nominations, a vote was taken on the slate of Kim Anderson for President; Barbara Spindel for Vice President; and Chad Davis for Secretary. The slate was approved by unanimous vote. The new officers will take up their roles with the June 19th meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – City Council Presentation

The Board continued discussion about the upcoming report to the Bellevue City Council. Details of the schedule to have the presentation documents completed and forwarded to our Council representative for review in time to get the materials into the pre-read packet. With the timing challenges it was decided to move the presentation to the Council to July. The June LAB meeting will be devoted to finalizing materials.

New Business:

Special thanks were advanced to Chad Davis for his superior leadership as Board President for the past two years.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM by **Chad Davis, President**. The next general meeting will be at 5:00PM on May 15, 2018, at the Newport Way Library.

Meeting Agenda: Will be distributed by Kim Anderson, President, prior to the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted By: Cris Dreher, Board Secretary