

**City of Bellevue  
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2019**

**Opening**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:06 PM on June 18, 2019 in the meeting room of the Bellevue Library, by Kim Anderson, President.

**Meeting Attendance**

Board Members Present: Ankit Saraf, Barbara Spindel, Chad Davis, Gunjan Murarka, Jillian Selem, Kim Anderson, Stefan Sharkansky

Board Members Absent: None

KCLS Representatives: Cecie Streitman, Bellevue Library Regional Manager;

Friends of the Bellevue Library: None present

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara Spindel

Guests: Jay Wong

**Welcomed new Board Member**

Stefan Sharkansky, as a new Board Member was welcomed. Stefan introduced himself and shared his avid interest in reading, using tech revolution to access books and information. Stefan shared his excitement to assist in moving to this new tech world. Kim and Stefan to talk offline and get Stefan connected to resources and other references.

**Public Comment Period**

Jay Wong, as a member of the public, was welcomed. Jay mentioned using libraries extensively around the world. He showed interest in understanding how policy decisions are made and how people are informed of those decisions. The board told Jay about open KCLS Board meetings. Board shared the mission of the advisory board which is to act as the liaison between KCLS, Bellevue City Council, and citizens of Bellevue

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the May 2019 meeting were approved. They will be posted on the LAB One Drive and filed with the Deputy City Clerk.

**Regular Business**

**Agenda Item 1 – Report from Bellevue Library Regional Manager**

Cecie had shared details prior in email. An issue about Drag queen story hour was raised. Cecie educated Board about the program. Board discussed the mixed reactions from the public. Cecie outlined that libraries are always exploring new and creative ways to reflect inclusivity in the community. Board inquired on how residents can suggest programs. Cecie committed to check and come back.

## **Reports**

### **Newport Way Library Association**

Barbara informed the Board about children book sales. She told the Board that the book sales were very successful. In one day sale, the library earned more than \$1000K. Board discussed the success of Bellevue library book sales versus Newport library and lessons learned.

Newport library has a board opening and is inviting interested people.

### **New Business**

A new topic was introduced by the Board on how to get teens more engaged in libraries. Board discussed inviting some teen representative and talk to them. Newport library representative shared that they have tried but were not very successful due to teens busy schedule with school. Board agreed to work with the teen librarian to organize some plan and hear the voices of teens.

Kim to work with Cecie and provide options when the Advisory Board can go and present to the Bellevue City Council. Also, it was decided to co-ordinate with Lisa from KCLS as Lisa will like to attend. Agreed that October as first preference to go and present, and keep November as a back-up.

Board discussed the best approach and what will be essential to present. It was discussed that communicating to the Council how the library is doing well and contributing to the city is essential. An action was assigned to all Board members to review what they have seen and heard. Board members to review minutes from past meetings and come with what they will like to share.

Mr. Jay Wong talked about how we can better serve the community. He shared concerns around safety issues with a few libraries. He reiterated that communication between the library and residents is critical.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM by **Kim Anderson, President**.

**Meeting Agenda:** Will be distributed by Kim Anderson, President, before the next meeting.

**Minutes Submitted:** By Gunjan Murarka, Board Secretary