

**City of Bellevue
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021**

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:03 PM on March 16, 2021, by Kim Anderson, President. The meeting was virtual using Zoom.

Meeting Attendance

Board Members Present: Ankit Saraf, Chad Davis, Gunjan Murarka, Kim Anderson, Stefan Sharkansky and James Rusk

Board Members Absent: Jillian Selem

KCLS Representatives: Cecie Streitman - Library Regional Manager

Friends of the Bellevue Library: None

Newport Way Library Association: Kim represented

Guests: None

Introductions

Meeting kicked off with a quick round of welcome. The Board was informed that Jillian Selem has decided to step down from the Board for personal reasons. The city will look for a replacement in the coming cycle.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the last scheduled meeting in February 2020 will be presented at the April 2021 meeting for approval.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Introduction of new Board member James Rusk

Kim introduced James Rusk as a new Board Member. Jim shared his background and passion for the libraries. Jim lives close to the Crossroads library area.

Agenda Item #2: Election of officers

Board discussed and elected a new slate of officers.

- President: Ankit Saraf
- Vice President: Kim Anderson
- Secretary: James Rusk

The Board unanimously elected the volunteers. The selection is for the next two months with an extension for the following year. The term will be effective from April 2021 meeting.

REPORTS

Reports 1 – Bellevue Friends of Library report

In the absence of Julie, there was no report out.

Reports 2 – Newport Way Library Association report

Kim provided an update. Friends groups and associations helped libraries with space so more PPE can be stored in the libraries.

Reports 3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

- Cecie updated Board on the pandemic recovery plan. The plan is based on the recommendations from the WA governor
 - Bellevue: currently curbside only. 3rd largest circulation after Redmond and Bothell. Foreseeable future to remain curbside.
 - Crossroads: Planned opening in Phase-4. Currently shut down.
 - Lake hills: Limited opening from April 22nd.
 - Newport: book drop open, curbside service week from tomorrow.
- Library staff not considered as an essential worker for the vaccination eligibility
- Summer programs will be in remote fashion with virtual reading programs
- A lot of discussion around what services are offered and what can be provided over time
- Board suggestion to enhance the online learning experience for public

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1 – Call for any new topics

- There were no new items

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM by **Kim Anderson, President**.

Meeting Agenda: Will be distributed by Ankit Saraf, President, before the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Gunjan Murarka, Board Secretary