

City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes February 21, 2023

OPENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board (the "Board") was called to order at 5:07 PM on February 21, 2023 by the Jim Rusk, Board President. The meeting was held in person at the Lake Hills Library.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Chad Davis, Jim Rusk, Sarah Rock

Board Members Absent: Kim Anderson, Gunjan Murarka

KCLS Representatives: Kirsten Corning

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Susan Peterson

Newport Way Library Association: none

Guests: none

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting kicked off with a quick round of welcome.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from September 2022 were presented in the meeting for approval. Upon motion made by Jim Rusk and seconded by Sarah Rock, the minutes were approved.

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no guests or public comment.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Election of Vice President

This was tabled until the next meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Open board positions

Jim shared that there are at least five candidates for the open positions. He will work with Councilmember Lee to schedule interviews. There are currently two open positions and Chad's term will end in May 2023.

Agenda Item #3: Remote options for board meetings

The City of Bellevue has recommended guidelines for hybrid meetings that could be adopted. If we choose a hybrid option for meetings, the hybrid equipment is only available at the Bellevue Regional Library. The board discussed options for hybrid guidelines and issues to consider such as informing the public of hybrid meeting options. This agenda item will be considered at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Report #1 – Bellevue Friends of Library

Susan Peterson gave an update on the Bellevue Friends of the Library. The shop is open three days a week but is considering increasing hours. Donations have been very strong.

Report #2 – Newport Way Library Association report

Kim Anderson was absent.

Report #3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

Kristen Corning shared that four new librarians have been hired for the Lakeview region to support the expanded hours. Story time and other children's services will expand beginning in March. A new adult services librarian and maker space librarian were also hired for the Lakeview (Bellevue) region.

The Bellevue Library has also partnered with AARP to offer in-person tax help this year. This service had been on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They have also started a free family law clinic once a month in partnership with Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP).

NEW BUSINESS

The hybrid meeting guidelines will be addressed at the next meeting.

The communications policy will be addressed at the next meeting when Kim is able to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM.

UPCOMING: The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2023, at the Bellevue Library in Room 5 with a hybrid option via Zoom. The meeting agenda will be distributed by Jim Rusk, President, before the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Sarah Rock, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved: March 21, 2023