

City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes: May 8, 2024

OPENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board (the "Board") was called to order at 5:24 PM on May 8, 2024 by Gunjan Murarka, President. The meeting was held in person at the Newport Way Library with an option for hybrid attendance via Zoom.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Kim Anderson, Gunjan Murarka, Kat Pipkin, and Sarah Rock.

Board Members Absent: Sam Fetchero, Imran Siddique

KCLS Representative(s): David Frappier

Friends of the Bellevue Library: absent

Newport Way Library Association: Kim Anderson

City Council Liaison: none

Guests: none

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kim Anderson made motion to approve the April 2024 meeting minutes as revised. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Officer elections for 2024-2025 term

Kim Anderson made a motion to approve the slate of officers as nominated at the April 16, 2024 meeting.

- Kat Pipkin was nominated as President.
- Kim Anderson was nominated as Vice President.
- Sarah Rock was nominated as Secretary.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #2: Report to Bellevue City Council

Board members continued the discussion on the report from the March meeting. They reviewed the outline data with David Frappier.

There were concerns about reporting on the safety data. Any data regarding police calls is already available in police data dashboards. Board members agreed this type of information might be better as a narrative.

Agenda Item #3: Open Board positions

There was no update on the open board position. Applications were due by 5pm on Monday, April 22.

Agenda Item #4: Bellevue Library Advisory Board bylaws review and updates

Since Councilmember Hamilton was not present, this item will be moved to the next meeting.

REPORTS

Report #1 – Bellevue Friends of Library

Susan Peterson was unable to attend.

Report #2 – Newport Way Library Association

Kim shared that the childrens' book sale has been scheduled for June.

Report #3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

David Frappier shared a report of notable events and news from the Bellevue region.

- Summer Reading program will start on June 17. He showed some of the artwork for the program.
- He is working with staff to increase staffing and programming at the Makerspace.
- There is a recent state law SB5444, that will make it illegal to possess open-carry firearms in public spaces including libraries, zoos, aquariums, and transit facilities. Those with concealed carry permits are excluded from this law. This goes into effect on June 6. KCLS is working on new signage to post at all libraries related to this new law.

Report #4: City Council Report

Councilmember Hamilton was unable to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting date and time – Kat Pipkin made a request to move the meeting date to the first Wednesday. The proposed next meeting date is June 5.
2. Bellevue Mini City Hall is opening on May 15 at 11am. Kat Pipkin and Kim Anderson will attend to represent the Bellevue Library Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

UPCOMING:

The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2024 at 5PM. President Kat Pipkin will confirm the location with KCLS staff.

The meeting agenda will be distributed before the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Sarah Rock

Minutes Approved at the June 12, 2024 Bellevue Library Advisory Board meeting.