

City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes: October 2, 2024

OPENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board (the "Board") was called to order at 5:03 PM on October 2, 2024 by Kat Pipkin, President. The meeting was held in person at the Bellevue Regional Library with an option for hybrid attendance via Zoom.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Kim Anderson, Sam Fetchero, Kat Pipkin, Imran Siddique (5:09 remote), and Sarah Rock (remote).

Board Members Absent: none

KCLS Representative(s): David Frappier

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Susan Peterson

Newport Way Library Association: Kim Anderson

City Council Liaison: none present

Guests: John Sheller, KCLS Intergovernmental Affairs and Helena Stephens, City of Bellevue

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sam Fetchero made motion to approve the September 4, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None in attendance.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Update on future of the Bellevue Library Advisory Board

[Imran joined the meeting during this item at 5:09 PM.]

Ms. Stephens from the City of Bellevue shared that a decision hasn't been made yet. She is here to ask for input from the Bellevue LAB. Based on our feedback a report will be written and presented at the October 29, 2024 council meeting for an action regarding the future of the Bellevue LAB.

Kim Anderson raised the concern that residents still need an avenue to report concerns with the library. Will library advisory responsibilities be transferred to another Bellevue board or commission? Ms. Stephens will take these concerns back to City staff for evaluation and response.

John Sheller shared that many cities have sunset their Library Advisory Boards including Bothell, Issaquah, Mercer Island, and Sea-Tac. Mercer Island folded library advisory responsibilities to their park board,

however the board has expressed frustration that they have no authority. Sea-Tac also merged their city library advisory responsibilities to their Arts Commission and renamed it to reflect the expanded scope.

Individual board members shared their thoughts on sunseting the library advisory board.

Sam made a motion to formally recommend sunseting the Bellevue Library Advisory Board. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Ms. Stephens shared that City of Bellevue appreciates the work of the board and hopes to see us all again at the December 10, 2024 City Council meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Meeting schedule for 2024-2025

The final meeting will take place on November 6, 2024.

REPORTS

Report #1 – Bellevue Friends of Library

Susan shared that there will be a holiday sale on November 8 and 9.

Report #2 – Newport Way Library Association

Kim shared that Newport Way Library Association will hold their holiday sale the following weekend.

Report #3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

David Frappier shared that he recently provided an update on operations to the KCLS Board of Trustees about expanding operations to 7 days a week. He also shared that there will be an OSPI candidate forum this weekend at the Bellevue Regional Library. The library will also host voter registration drives. The King County Voter Service Center will be at the Crossroads Community Center instead of at City Hall this year.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

UPCOMING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6 at 5PM. The location will be confirmed prior to the meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Sarah Rock

Minutes Approved at the November 6, 2024 Bellevue Library Advisory Board meeting.