

**City of Bellevue
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018**

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:05 PM on September 18, 2018 in the meeting room of the Lake Hills Library, by Kim Anderson, President.

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members Present: Kim Anderson, Chad Davis, Cris Dreher, Gunjan Murarka, Ankit Saraf, Jillian Selem.

Board Members Absent: Barbara Spindel

KCLS Representatives: Cecie Streitman, Bellevue Library Regional Manager; Kirsten Corning, North Central Regional Manager.

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Julie Schuman

Newport Way Library Association: Kim Anderson

Public Comment Period:

No members of the public present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for July 2018 meeting were approved. They will be posted on the LAB One Drive and filed with the Deputy City Clerk.

Regular Business

Agenda Item 1 – Review of City Council Presentation

The city council proved to be a receptive audience, expressing their overall pleasure with the breadth of services that are offered.

There was one comment about a potential change to the lending limits for "un-housed" patrons with the council member who commented indicating that she was merely interested to learn that there was a different limit for un-housed patrons rather than questioning what the limit should be. It was explained to the board that the limits are there for loss prevention but that setting the actual number is a balancing act. For example, KCLS doesn't want to set the number so low that it would force an un-housed student to have to make a choice between taking out books for homework versus for pleasure reading.

The council also indicated that they are receptive to the board's desire for a deeper, more interactive relationship. Therefore, the board discussed how to achieve this and in particular how the board can better anticipate what topics will be of interest to the council and/or what are likely to become hot button issues. It was decided that the board will invite the council liaison, Jennifer Robertson, to the January meeting in order to solicit her thoughts.

Agenda Item 2 – Educational Opportunities for the Board

Discussion was opened about how the board can be better informed about relevant topics in order to fulfill its charter. Several ideas were introduced and it was decided that three would initially be pursued: solicit information from the council liaison about city priorities; schedule a tour of the Bellevue library in November; compile a list of KCLS personnel/departments/service areas in order to prioritize and then schedule meetings so that the board can learn about them.

A discussion followed about how the board can foster greater public interaction and participation in order to be able to be better informed about community interests. Two ideas will initially be pursued; make changes to the city and KCLS websites to ensure the time, date and location of board meetings is clear; make sure that time, date and location of meetings are included in the monthly publicity sheet that each branch publishes.

Reports:

- **Bellevue Friends of the Library**

The rare and collectible books sale raised more than \$5,000 to date with final tallies still being counted. Next up are the holiday sale and then the world book sale. The new website, which will include e-commerce functionality, is scheduled to go live in about two weeks.

- **Newport Way Library Association:**

The recent pop up children's book sale went very well. Preparation for the fall book sale is about to go into high gear. The summer meal program was very successful but there is an open question whether it will be repeated next summer.

- **KCLS Staff Report**

The new third floor children's area is up and running at the Bellevue library and has mostly received positive feedback with the only concern being about furniture placed near the exposed railing. Disruption from ongoing construction work has been minimal with the main impact resulting from the adult collection having been placed (for the most part) in storage. Due to time constraints board members were encouraged to review additional information sent via email.

New Business:

Given the proximity of the November meeting to Thanksgiving the board president will check with city staff to determine whether or not the date can be moved one week earlier than currently scheduled.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM by **Kim Anderson, President**. The next general meeting will be at 5:00PM on October 16, 2018, at the Newport Way Library.

Meeting Agenda: Will be distributed by Kim Anderson, President, prior to the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted By: Chad Davis, Board Secretary