



**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Present:** John Henshell, Chair; Kathleen Allen, Vice Chair; Sara Rajkumar; Mei Wong; Andrew Love; Brad Schrock; Lacey Beaty, City Council Liaison; Glenn Ferdman, Library Director; and Kristin Fidler, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** Sarah Larson

**Guests:** none

Chair John Henshell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Approval of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes:** Vice Chair Kathleen Allen motioned to approve the July minutes as written. Sara Rajkumar seconded. Minutes approved.

**Approval of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes:** Sara Rajkumar motioned to approve the August minutes as written. Brad Schrock seconded. Minutes approved.

**Recruitment for new members for Boards and Commissions :** Chair John Henshell mentioned that there are currently openings for two alternates for the Library Advisory Board. Current Board members introduced themselves and gave a brief description of why they serve on the Library Advisory Board.

**Partner Reports**

**City Council:** Councilor Lacey Beaty reported on efforts to support communities affected by Oregon's current wildfires and encouraged Board members to reach out to offer support to their friends and neighbors who are firefighters, National Guardsmen, and anyone who might be impacted by the firefighting efforts. Council Beaty also reported that the council is laying the groundwork to ensure a smooth transition implementing the new city charter beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. With much input from staff and the city, Council is also in the process of hiring another judge.

**Beaverton Library Foundation:** Glenn Ferdman reported that the Foundation met the prior week and previous Advisory Board member Gautam Kottapalli has joined the Foundation. The Foundation continues to recruit new members with the library's Volunteer Coordinator looking at the existing volunteer roster for possible Foundation candidates. The Foundation continues to research options for a future bookmobile and the library will be reaching out to the city's fleet to explore possible options there. The Foundation will send out a December appeal member to raise funds for the bookmobile.

**New Friends of the Beaverton City Library:** Vice Chair Kathleen Allen reported that Amazon sales continue to be robust and the Friends have inquired about possible storage space at the Griffith Building.

**New Business:**

- **Director's Report:** Library Director Glenn Ferdman reported on many aspects of library services including the continued popularity of our curbside Library2Go services. Library2Go is now available 6 days a week with both appointments and walk ups available. Murray Scholls also has Library2Go services using the hybrid appointments/walk up model. Staff are now creating book bundles for Teens and Adults to include in Library2Go. Other highlights include: The Grab and Go collection outside of the Main library building is very popular with an average of 26 free books being taken each day. Virtual programming continues and has allowed the library to extend its reach into different communities. The Summer Reading program is wrapping up for the summer. Over 1000 books purchased with Ready to Read grant money were distributed, and the adult summer reading theme "Read for Trees" was a big success. Ballot boxes for the upcoming November 3<sup>rd</sup> election will be available at both Main and Murray Scholls. The library staff's Cultural Awareness Team is morphing into a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee with an Anti-Racism Task Force that will include members from other city departments. Work continues on building out study rooms and organizing the Maker Space. Steps were taken to monitor air quality and mitigate staff exposure at work to harmful air caused by the west coast wildfires.

**Set Date for Next Library Advisory Board Meeting:**

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. over the Zoom.gov virtual platform.

**Adjournment:**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Glenn Ferdman, Library Director

<b>APPROVED BY:</b>