



**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 8th, 2021**

Present: John Henshell, Chair; Kathleen George, Vice-Chair; Brad Schrock; Sara Rajkumar; Andrew Love; Mei Wong; Cathy Wasnick; Marc San Soucie, City Council liaison; Glenn Ferdman, Library Director; Arvin Mirtorabi, Teen Library Council liaison; and Kristin Fidler, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Sarah Larson; Kathleen Perry

Guests: none

Chair John Henshell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Introductions:

Approval of Minutes from November 10th, 2021 meeting :

- Chair John Henshell called for the approval of the November 10th, 2021 minutes with some changes to the language concerning the Safe Child Policy discussion. Brad Schrock MOVED to have the word "proposed" added to a sentence about the Safe Child Policy. Andrew Love SECONDED the motion to approve the minutes with the addition of the word "proposed." Motion CARRIED.

Public Forum: None

Council Report: Marc San Soucie reported that the first distribution of the incoming ARPA money has been designated, and the city should be receiving the funds by May 2022. 50% of the ARPA money has not been spoken for and the council is still looking at programs and projects. Some larger city projects have been affected by COVID and the inflation of materials and labor costs. The Council is also working on updating their Climate Action Plan. On the January 4th meeting, Council will be selecting a new Council President, discussing the budget season and the upcoming May 2022 elections.

Partner Reports

Beaverton Library Foundation: Glenn Ferdman reported that the Foundation has two possible new members who both have experience in fund raising.

New Friends of the Beaverton City Library : Vice Chair Kathleen George reported that Library Director Glenn Ferdman made a helpful and much appreciated presentation to the Friends. The Book Corner experienced its best retail month of the year and is looking into how to celebrate

their 20th anniversary. The Friends have been very active in their sub-committees and have been looking at what to fund on the library's current wish-list.

Teen Library Council: Arvin Mirtorabi reported that the TLC has been exploring the idea of hosting crafting events at the library for younger children in the early spring. TLC members are participating in Winter Lights and other seasonal events around the library.

New Business:

- **Election of Board Officers for 2022** Andrew Love was elected Chair and Sara Rajkumar was elected Vice-Chair for 2022
- **Director's Report:** Glenn Ferdman reported that the city's Department Heads are holding their annual retreat in November to discuss collaborative opportunities within department projects. 3 out of 4 of the library's supplemental budget requests were granted including more sit/stand desks for staff, new AV equipment for the Mount Hood conference room, and replacing some fluorescent lighting with LED lighting. The library just hired a .5 FTE bilingual Outreach Specialist to help with outreach to adults in the community. The Main library's Study Cubes were officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Maker Space will open to patrons in the spring of 2022. The Severe Weather Shelter across the street from the Main library opened on November 15th. One Book One Beaverton will host a number of programs in January culminating with the author visiting in February. Over 500 people visited the Teen Art Show. The library is hosting a healthy relationship and financial literacy program in Spanish for adults. A seven-week series on Mindfulness Meditation begins in January. Some library staff have been attending first aid and CPR training. Negotiations between the Washington County Cooperative Libraries and various intergovernmental agencies resulted in maintaining the current funding structure until the 2025/2026 budget cycle.

Set Date for Next Library Advisory Board Meeting:

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m. on the Zoom.gov virtual meeting platform.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Glenn Ferdman, Library Director

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