



**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 9th, 2022**

Present: Andrew Love, Chair; Sara Rajkumar, Vice-Chair; Mei Wong; Cathy Wasnick; Kathleen Perry; Glenn Ferdman, Library Director; Helena Lieu, Teen Library Council liaison; and Kristin Fidler, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Guests: none

Chair Andrew Love called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Introductions:

Approval of Minutes from the February 9th, 2022, meeting:

- Chair Andrew Love called for the approval of the February 9th, 2022, minutes. Cathy Wasnick MOVED to have the minutes passed as written. Sara Rajkumar SECONDED the motion to approve the minutes. Motion CARRIED.

Public Comment: None

Council Report: None

Partner Reports

Beaverton Library Foundation: Glenn Ferdman reported that the Foundation Board is now up to 5 members and is considering hiring a part-time fundraiser. The Library and the Foundation began working on a memorandum of understanding to clarify their roles.

New Friends of the Beaverton City Library : Kathleen Perry reported that the New Friends have been reviewing the Book Corner store operations and their Covid-19 guidelines. The Book Corner has 47 regularly scheduled volunteers and has donated over 40 books to local schools. The New Friends continue to set goals and monitor sales on internet platforms and have started a target marketing campaign using demographic data. They are also looking into having an advertising presence at the Reser Center. The New Friends agreed to fund the branding of the library bookmobile should the LSTA grant be awarded.

Teen Library Council: Helena Lieu reported that TLC has recorded another podcast episode and are looking to host some spring craft events for younger kids. The TLC is sponsoring a poetry contest and an art contest for Teen Summer Reading. A former TLC member came to a recent meeting to talk about their experiences as a college freshman.

Old Business:

- **Children and Teens Area Use Policy :** The Board reviewed the changes made to the policy wording. The board unanimously voted to approve the policy language as revised.

New Business:

- **South Cooper Mountain Branch Exploration Update:** Glenn Ferdman reported that some ARPA funds have been earmarked to develop an architectural program and a price estimate for a possible future branch library at South Cooper Mountain. Glenn Ferdman emphasized that this project is in the exploratory phase. Everything is subject to council approval, and the city has a few big projects under consideration. The South Cooper Mountain Branch idea represents an opportunity for the city to design and own a new library. The space for the current Murray Scholls branch location is leased. The board voted unanimously to write a letter to the City Council in support of the South Cooper Mountain Branch project.
- **Budget update:** Glenn Ferdman reported to the board about the upcoming internal budget review process. Revenue sources for the city are down and costs are up. Library Funds come from a variety of sources including taxes and fees. Going into next year's budget there is a shortfall for both the general and library funds. The Executive Team has gone through the budget line by line to help close the gap between expected spending and revenue. Hiring to fill vacancies will be delayed. The city might help with some ARPA funds but we expect the impacts to be more long term with an especially challenging year ahead.
- **Director's Report:** Glenn Ferdman reported that the city has convened an internal homeless task force to look at options and solutions for the city's growing homeless population. The library recently hired its first Technology Librarian. This position will be tasked with training both staff and patrons in new and emerging technologies. On May 12th the main library will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new makerspace. We are still awaiting work from the state about our LSTA grant application.

Comment Cards : Five comment cards were read.

Future Agenda Topics: The Visioning Advisory Board will present at the Library Advisory Board's April 2022 meeting.

Set Date for Next Library Advisory Board Meeting:

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. on the Zoom.gov virtual meeting platform.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Glenn Ferdman, Library Director



APPROVED BY: