

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
April 20, 2021

On Tuesday, April 20, 2021, the Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Edna Wichman at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 505 Water Street, Kerrville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Megan Bean	Chairperson
Erin Sullivan	Vice-Chairperson
Carol Wichman	Board Member
Beverly Avery	Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph Conklin	Board Member
Tom Moser	Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Brigati	Library Director
Keith Zengler	Assistant Library Director
Kim Meismer	Executive Director for General Operations
Cate Schulenberg	Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT:

None

3. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2A Approval of minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting held on January 19, 2021

Ms. Bean motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Sullivan seconded. Motion passed 4-0

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Appointment of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Ms. Bean was nominated by Ms. Sullivan for Chairperson. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Sullivan was nominated by Ms. Bean for Vice-Chairperson. Vote was unanimous.

9. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

4A Quarterly Update by Library Director (staff)

Ms. Brigati updated the library board on the number of active patrons and all fiscal period statistics related to circulation, programming, expenditures and revenues. The number of active patrons for the second quarter was 9,362 with 57% of cardholders residing within city limits. Reference, computer usage, circulation statistics and gate counts increased upon re-opening February 19th. Ms. Brigati further informed the board that the mask mandate would be lifted in city buildings on May 1st.

The library added OverDrive magazines to its holdings. The OverDrive platform contains 3200 magazines which is a significant increase from RBdigital which only offered 50 magazines for approximately the same cost. The OverDrive magazine addition was purchased via a donation from the Friends of the Library.

Ms. Brigati updated the board on the purchase of the Neighborhood Enhancement Vehicle which council approved purchase of in January 2021. The vehicle is slated for production in May. Ms. Brigati explained that floor colorings and cabinet colors have been chosen; however supply chain issues may delay delivery of the van until late 2021. Discussion took place concerning possible locations for the bookmobile to set up. Ms. Brigati reported that the pop-up libraries would be beginning in May at the Dietert Center and possibly Brookdale. Ms. Brigati reported that Brookdale was interested in having volunteers read to some of the residents.

Ms. Brigati updated the board on the HVAC and LED lighting project. The project is still in design. A light fixture has been chosen that is cost-efficient and provides clean light. Fixtures may cost approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000k. The design engineers' provided a ballpark figure of approximately \$350,000 to replace the HVAC.

Ms. Brigati updated the board on the Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market is now held every Friday from 4pm to 7pm at the A.C. Schreiner house. The market continues to offer curbside services on Wednesdays.

Ms. Wichman asked how many members had signed up for the newsletter. Ms. Brigati responded that over 200 patrons have opted in to receive the newsletter and that it is also available on the library webpage.

Ms. Brigati announced the library would be having a Summer Reading Kick-off celebration on Wednesday, June 2nd from 6pm to 8pm. The library will have the band Exit 505 perform, a bounce house, Summer Reading sign-ups, snacks, Kona Ice, and a Kerrville Pets Alive adoption event. Ms. Brigati stated the Friends of the Library will also have a booth with membership information and possibly books to sell. Discussion took place on the best ways to market the event.

4B. Update on Friends of the Library activities (Joseph Conklin)

No update on Friends at this time

4C. Update on History Center activities (staff)

Ms. Brigati reported that the history center re-opened in February. The History Center operating hours changed from Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 am to 4pm to Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 am to 4 pm. Ms. Brigati stated there would be a traveling exhibit from Humanities Texas on display beginning in June and that the next exhibit would focus on German immigration to Texas.

4D. Update on A.C. Schreiner House activities (staff)

Ms. Brigati reported that the Heart of the Hills members are in their fundraising stage and have been successful in obtaining a couple of foundation grants. Construction may begin late 2021 or early 2022.

4E. Next scheduled Library Advisory Board meeting – July 20, 2021.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Ms. Brigati announced the library would be hosting a Pokémon 25th anniversary celebration on Saturday April 25th from 12 to 4 pm. Further, she announced the Talking Texas Book Club would be held at the Kerr Regional History Center on Thursday, April 22nd at 11:30am

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Wichman moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Sullivan seconded. The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

APPROVED: Megan B. Bean
Megan Bean, Chairperson
Cate Schulenburg
Cate Schulenburg, Recording Secretary

Danielle Brigati
Danielle Brigati, Library Director
7-20-21
Date minutes approved & signed