

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
January 19, 2021

On Tuesday, January 19, 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:

Edna Wichman	Chairperson
Megan Bean	Vice-Chairperson
Tom Moser	Board Member
Joseph Conklin	Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Erin Sullivan	Board Member
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STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Brigati	Library Director
Keith Zengler	Assistant Library Director
Kim Meisner	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 October 19, 2020

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

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Approval of the Mission and Vision Statement

Mr. Moser motioned to approve the new mission and vision statement. Ms. Bean seconded. Motion passed 4-0

9. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

4A Quarterly Update by Library Director (staff)

Ms. Brigati explained there was some confusion over library advisory board appointments. Consequently, city council would be amending a city ordinance and adding a seat to the library board. The new appointee, Beverly Avery would take her seat on the board at the next meeting.

Ms. Brigati updated the board on patron and circulation statistics for the period ending December 31, 2020. At that time 9,687 people held library cards with 49% of card holders residing within the city, 45% residing in Kerr County and 6% residing in other areas. MS. Brigati informed the board that the library was removing inactive accounts from the system so some fluctuation in card numbers can be expected. Ms. Brigati reported that although print checkouts are down, digital checkouts and electronic usage is up.

Ms. Brigati reported on the addition of the OverDrive platform to the list of digital content available at the library. She also commented on the addition of Wi-Fi access points and the implementation of more online programming. It is still unclear when the library will re-open for public access.

Ms. Meisner asked Ms. Brigati to report on the possible addition of a Neighborhood Enhancement Vehicle pending council approval. Ms. Brigati explained that the library would be seeking approval to purchase a vehicle to perform outreach including home delivery to homebound patrons. Additionally, the vehicle would be used to visit area community centers and events to help advertise library services and programs. Starting February 1, homebound delivery will begin using the current library car. Further, Ms. Brigati detailed the capabilities of the Neighborhood

Enhancement Vehicle and Ms. Meismer urged board members to view the presentation to city council January 26th. Mr. Moser asked if there would be a set schedule for when the vehicle would be visiting different parts of town. Ms. Brigati responded that as the program grows in scope, schedules will become more formalized.

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

Mr. Conklin reported the Friends have been continuing to work on projects and book organization while the bookstore has been closed. He also stated that current Friends appointments would remain seated for the coming year.

Mr. Conklin presented Ms. Brigati with a \$60,000 check from the Friends to help fund the Neighborhood Enhancement Vehicle.

Ms. Wichman asked if the Friends were taking donations at this time. Mr. Conklin responded that that they were not. Ms. Brigati told Ms. Wichman that the Youth Ranch and the Kerr County Jail were accepting donations at this time.

4C. Update on History Center activities (staff)

Ms. Brigati reported that the history center continues to remain closed due to concerns over CoVid-19.

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

Ms. Brigati reported that both HEB and the HEB Foundation gifted \$500,000 to the library to assist in the construction costs associated with the renovating the A.C. Schreiner house. Ms. Meismer added information on the Heart of the Hills heritage center and the upcoming council presentation. Mr. Moser asked when construction is expected to start. Ms. Meismer explained that HHHC is required to raise 1 million dollars prior to the construction phase

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

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were no announcements at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bean moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Conklin seconded. The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

APPROVED:

Edna Carol Wichman
Edna Wichman, Chairperson

Danielle Brigati
Danielle Brigati, Library Director

Cate Schulenberg
Cate Schulenberg, Recording Secretary

4.20.2021
Date minutes approved & signed