

City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes: June 12, 2024

OPENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board (the “Board”) was called to order at 5:01 PM on June 12, 2024 by Kat Pipkin, President. The meeting was held in person at the Bellevue Regional Library with an option for hybrid attendance via Zoom.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Kim Anderson (remote; joined in-person at 5:38 PM), Sam Fetchero, Kat Pipkin, Sarah Rock (remote), and Imran Siddique (joined at 5:07 PM).

Board Members Absent: none

KCLS Representative(s): David Frappier

Friends of the Bellevue Library: absent

Newport Way Library Association: Kim Anderson

City Council Liaison: Susan Peterson

Guests: Dr. Thomas Mac joined at 5:15 PM. Noah Hyde joined at 5:20 PM. Lucas Gage joined around 5:22 PM. All joined remotely.

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Councilmember Hamilton spoke about the role and purpose of the Bellevue Library Advisory Board. He met with President Pipkin earlier today. There have been discussions about whether the board should be permanent and if the role of the board should be re-evaluated. Other discussions include whether the function of the Library Advisory Board should be absorbed into another standing board or commission. Any decision to continue or sunset the Library Advisory Board will be made by the Bellevue City Council. A decision is expected this month.

Questions asked during Councilmember Hamilton’s comment included:

- Would the decision to disband the board be tied to moving the function of the board to another standing board such as the Arts Commission or Parks Board? Councilmember Hamilton clarified that BLAB members would not move to new boards or commissions.
- What would the role of the library friends’ groups be (Friends of Bellevue Library and Newport Way Library Association). David Frappier shared that KCLS is revising the bylaws for friends’ groups.
- What happened to the recruitment for the open positions? Councilmember Hamilton responded that the recruitment has been put on hold pending these discussions.

Dr. Thomas Mac, Noah Hyde, and Lucas Gage interrupted the discussion around 5:22 PM to make antisemitic comments and share inappropriate photos. They were informed of appropriate ways to make collection development suggestions to KCLS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kimberly Anderson moved to approve the May 8, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Meeting schedule for 2024-2025

The board discussed the meeting schedule and agreed to meet on Wednesday, July 10 unless the Bellevue City Council disbands the board before this date.

Agenda Item #2: Report to Bellevue City Council

This agenda item was tabled.

Agenda Item #3: Open Board positions

Councilmember Hamilton shared that filling open positions has been put on hold.

Agenda Item #4: Bellevue Library Advisory Board bylaws review and updates

This agenda item was tabled.

REPORTS

Report #1 – Bellevue Friends of Library

Susan Peterson gave an update that the shop reopened yesterday and has resumed their regular schedule.

Report #2 – Newport Way Library Association

Kim Anderson gave an update that their book sale will take place next Saturday.

Report #3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

There was no Bellevue Library staff report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

UPCOMING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10 at 5:00 PM. The location will be confirmed prior to the meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Sarah Rock

Minutes Approved: At the September 4, 2024 BLAB meeting.