

City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes: September 4, 2024

OPENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board (the “Board”) was called to order at 5:00 PM on September 4, 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), Sam Fetchero, Kat Pipkin, and Sarah Rock.

Board Members Absent: Imran Siddique

KCLS Representative(s): David Frappier

Friends of the Bellevue Library: absent

Newport Way Library Association: Kim Anderson

City Council Liaison: Dave Hamilton

Guests: Alex Tsimmerman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kimberley Anderson made motion to approve the June 12, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Alex Tsimmerman spoke for three minutes about culture.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Update on future of the Bellevue Library Advisory Board

President Pipkin shared an update on the future of the board as reviewed with the City Clerk’s office. The current plan is for Councilmember Hamilton to propose sunsetting the Bellevue Library Advisory Board at the September 17, 2024 council meeting. The proposed effective date would be December 31, 2024. This would allow additional time to develop a framework for KCLS reporting to the City of Bellevue and future partnership. There would a celebration at the December 10, 2024 council meeting.

Questions: what role should B-LAB play in developing the reporting framework? This seems like something that should be negotiated between the City of Bellevue and KCLS.

Response: It would be good to have BLAB input regarding the report. Potentially use the October and November meetings to work on this. Councilmember Hamilton will coordinate with the City Clerk’s office to get their input.

Agenda Item #2: Meeting schedule for 2024-2025

The final two meetings will take place on October 2, 2024 and November 6, 2024.

There were concerns about respecting board members' time.

David Frappier proposed working asynchronously and sending a draft framework before the October meeting so that it can be reviewed at the meeting.

Action: Sarah to setup access to the BLAB onedrive to see past council presentations and reports.

REPORTS

Report #1 – Bellevue Friends of Library

David Frappier shared that the group is gearing up for their fall fundraising sale.

Report #2 – Newport Way Library Association

Kimberly Anderson had to drop before this.

Report #3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

David Frappier gave an update on Bellevue area library programs.

- The Summer Reading Program recently wrapped and final numbers will be available soon. Crossroads saw significant interest and participation in the program.
- Bellevue libraries are almost fully staffed! There were several vacancies earlier in the year. The outstanding open position is the grant-funded Memory Lab/Makerspace position. KCLS recently opened the 3rd round of recruitment for the position. It is a very niche position, which has made recruitment a challenge.
- David is also working on a staffing evaluation model to be presented at the next KCLS board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.

UPCOMING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2 at 5PM. The location will be confirmed prior to the meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Sarah Rock

Minutes Approved: At the October 2, 2024 Bellevue Library Advisory Board meeting.