

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2023

The Abilene Public Library Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 4:00PM, Monday, August 7, 2023. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Clint Buck (Chair), Dorothy Davidson, Denise Moore, Elizabeth Norman, Judith Phaneuf, Joe Specht

Board Members Absent: Tim de la Vega

Also Attending: Julee Hammer, Library Director; Trent Dietz, Assistant City Attorney; Linda Camacho, Library, Administrative Assistant

Media present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Clint Buck called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

MINUTES

- 1. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on May 1, 2023.**

Minutes approved for May 1, 2023 with correction.

First motion Denise Moore, second Judith Phaneuf

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Buck opened the public comment period. The following individuals addressed the Advisory Board:

- Eric Bengs: Stated that the request for reconsideration request policy is an effort of the Advisory Board to silence a subset of library users. Stated that non-residents pay a yearly fee and should be treated exactly like city residents.
- Tammy Fogle: Stated that library users should have input if they pay a non-resident fee. Stated that the books that are being moved into the new facility should be reviewed before they are put back on the shelves.

Mr. Buck closed the Public Comments for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

2. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Annual Report FY 2022

Ms. Hammer reviewed some highlights from the Annual Report FY 2022. Over 500,000 items circulated last year; 339,000 of those were physical items, 160,000 items were digital through Hoopla and Libby. APL had 325,686 total visits. Breakdown by APL locations: 101,752 visits at Main, 199,393 visits at South, and 24,541 visits at Mockingbird. APL held 1,372 programs with 36,012 attendees.

B. Long Range Planning

Ms. Hammer stated that APL will be going through a long-range planning exercise and will need to have a few board members participate. The Library Advisory Board chair will decide which members will participate.

3. Review on-order catalog comments and make a recommendation to Library Director on pending book orders (discussion and possible action).

Mr. Buck reported there were no comments on the pending book orders from the online on-order review catalog, which launched in December 2022, so review was not needed. First motion to recommend approval of the pending book orders made by Denise Moore; second by Elizabeth Norman. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

The Library Advisory Board's recommendation will now go to the Library Director who will oversee the completion of these book orders. This is a standard agenda item for regular board meetings.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:14PM

The next scheduled Advisory Board Meeting is set for November 15, 2023, at 4:00PM at City Hall, 555 Walnut St., 2nd Floor Council Chambers.



Clint Buck (Chair)

Linda Camacho

Linda Camacho, Library Administrative Assistant