

City of Mesa Library Advisory Board Meeting

Date: September 15, 2020
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Megan Sterling, *Chair*
Cynthia Jones, *Vice Chair*
Ellen Bachman
Steven Miner
Joy Petroff
Alexis Ross

Staff Present

Heather Wolf
Brandon Williams
Anna Mathews
Polly Bonnett
Joyce Abbott
Tony Garvey
Brenna Klassen
Heather Nelsen
Richard Engquist

Members Absent

Ralph Wilson
Irene Frklich
Cindy Smith

Guests Present

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Chair Member, Megan Sterling, called the meeting for the City of Mesa Library Advisory Board to order at 5:31 p.m. on September 15, 2020.
Approval of June 16th meeting minutes	<p>The June 16th meeting minutes were moved by Alexis Ross and seconded by Cynthia Jones. Upon the tabulation of votes for the meeting minutes, the results showed:</p> <p>AYES – Sterling, Jones, Bachman, Miner, Petroff, and Ross NAYS – None</p>
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements	Library Director, Heather Wolf, recognized the two new Library Board Members which began their terms on 7/1/20, Ellen Bachman and Cynthia Jones. All present Board members introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of each of their backgrounds. Each staff member present also introduced themselves to the Board.
Election of the Vice Chair	<p>Board Member Ellen Bachman nominated Cynthia Jones as the next Vice Chair. This was seconded by Joy Petroff. Upon the tabulation of votes for the meeting minutes, the results showed:</p> <p>AYES – Sterling, Jones, Bachman, Miner, Petroff, and Ross NAYS – None</p>

AGENDA ITEM **DISCUSSION**

Library Director’s Update

Library Director Heather Wolf shared an update regarding the City of Mesa’s tax collection in the month of June, which was better in 2020 than it was in June 2019. She shared that the Library’s annual budget was impacted with a \$30,000 decrease, specifically related to the collection agency fee that MPL previously paid for collection services.

Heather discussed the current and next phase in the Library’s reopening plans. She discussed the current Park & Pick-Up service that has been in place since May 19th which allows users to place holds on materials online and then pick them up curbside during designated hours. She then shared the Grab & Go service which begins on September 21st which is a limited lobby service available solely at the Main Library branch.

Heather gave a brief update on the Main and Dobson bond projects. She shared they both have resumed the planning stages and have an expected construction start date in January 2021, finishing in the summer of 2021.

Summer Reading Program Update

Librarian Brenna Klassen gave an overview of the Summer Reading Program, which took place virtually this year. She shared that the number of registered participants for MPL was 3,400 and discussed all of the progress that the participants made and their achievements. With the move online, Brenna shared the virtual programs that MPL offered and discussed how engaging the programs were based on social media analytics.

Mesa CARES Update

Branch Operations Supervisor, Richard Engquist, discussed the timeline of the Mesa CARES program and the additional tasks that were taken on by MPL staff from March thru September. Richard shared how quickly Library staff shifted their work in March when Covid-19 shut down the Library and needed to create a call center within a week. The Mesa CARES team answered calls from residents, businesses, and non-profit organizations throughout the summer and assisted other City of Mesa Departments in implementing a Business Reemergence Program, Technical Assistant Program, and Eviction Protection Program.

Identify items for future agenda

There were no items identified for future meetings.

Next Meeting Dates

November 17th, 2020 – Held virtually on Zoom

Adjournment

Board member Alexis Ross moved and Ellen Bachman seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm. Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sterling, Jones, Bachman, Miner, Petroff, and Ross
NAYS – None

The next meeting will be held on the 17th of November 2020 at 5:30 p.m. held virtually on Zoom.