

# City of Mesa Library Advisory Board Meeting

Date: November 17, 2020  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Zoom Meeting

## Members Present

Megan Sterling, *Chair*  
Ralph Wilson  
Ellen Bachman  
Alexis Ross  
Joy Petroff

## Staff Present

Heather Wolf  
Brandon Williams  
Anna Mathews  
Polly Bonnett  
Joyce Abbott  
Tony Garvey

## Members Absent

Cynthia Jones, *Vice Chair*  
Irene Frklich  
Cindy Smith  
Steven Miner

## Guests Present

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chair Member, Megan Sterling, called the meeting for the City of Mesa Library Advisory Board to order at 5:32 p.m. on November 17, 2020.
<b>Approval of September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes</b>	<p>The September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were moved by Joy Petroff and seconded by Ellen Bachman. Upon the tabulation of votes for the meeting minutes, the results showed:</p> <p>AYES – Sterling, Wilson, Bachman, Petroff, and Ross NAYS – None</p>
<b>Public Comments</b>	There were no public comments.
<b>Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements</b>	Library Director, Heather Wolf, welcomed everyone to the meeting and started by wishing Board Member Megan a happy birthday.
<b>Library Director's Update</b>	<p>Library Director Heather Wolf shared an update on the Library budget, including that all frozen positions are planned to be unfrozen in January. She shared that 8 of the part-time non-benefited employees that were laid off in the spring have already been brought back and have begun their Paging duties again.</p> <p>Heather discussed the current and next phase in the Library's reopening plans, which is planned to begin in January 2021 at all 3 branches. She discussed the current Park &amp; Pick-Up service that has been in place since May 19<sup>th</sup> which allows users to place holds on materials online and then pick them up curbside during designated hours. She then shared how the Grab &amp; Go service, which began on September 21<sup>st</sup>, has been going at the Main branch.</p>

**AGENDA ITEM****DISCUSSION**

Board member Ralph Wilson asked if there was a need for additional staff if the Branches are not fully functioning at this time, and Heather shared that MPL has had staff that have resigned over the last few months and haven't filled those positions, and as we continue to expand services and hours of operation, we will need additional staff to meet the demands. Board member Ellen Bachman said that she was happy that MPL did not open on the date initially planned. Board member Megan Sterling also asked about those users who are experiencing homelessness and their status, and Heather was able to share how the City has been prioritizing support for them and the resources that have been made available during the pandemic.

**Bond Projects**

Branch Coordinator I, Anna Mathews, updated the Board on the Dobson Ranch Bond project and shared designs of the future THINKspot. She discussed the new façade on the outside and described the areas within the addition. Branch Coordinator II, Polly Bonnett, updated the Board on the Main Branch Bond project and shared designs of the Children's room remodel. She discussed the theme of the Children's room and what to expect once the room is complete. Both presentations discussed the estimated timeline. Board members Ellen and Megan voiced their appreciation for staff and praised the progress that has been made so far.

**Identify items for future agenda**

When safe, the Board would like a Library tour of the Main Branch.

**Next Meeting Dates**

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Held virtually on Zoom

**Adjournment**

Board member Alexis Ross moved and Ellen Bachman seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm. Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Sterling, Wilson, Bachman, Petroff, and Ross

NAYS – None

The next meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 at 5:30 p.m. held virtually on Zoom.

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Heather Wolf, Library Director signs for minutes