



**City of Scottsdale
Library Board
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
Meeting Held Electronically**

PRESENT: Chair Shiela Reyman, Vice-Chair Janet Smigielski, Board Members Sam Campana, Freda Hartman, Fred Klein, and Marna McLendon.

ABSENT: Board Member Sheila Collins

STAFF: Community Services Administrator Kira Peters; Manager Mandy Carrico, Melissa Orr, and Library Outreach Coordinator Amy Herring

Call to Order

Chair Reyman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

No public comments were submitted.

Minutes

Regular meeting minutes April 21, 2021

VICE-CHAIR SMIGIELSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 21, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. BOARD MEMBER MCLENDON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR REYMAN, VICE-CHAIR SMIGIELSKI, BOARD MEMBERS CAMPANA, HARTMAN, KLEIN, AND MCLENDON VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Celebrate Scottsdale Organizations

Doug Sydnor, Friends of the Library Board Member, gave a presentation on the permanent Celebrate Scottsdale Display that will be located at the Civic Center Library honoring

organizations that made lasting impacts on the Scottsdale Community. A five-member committee was formed who researched organizations within Scottsdale and identified a total of 60. Of those organizations, 15 will be prominently displayed and the other 45 will be listed on the introductory panel. A shop drawing of the 32-foot Celebrate Scottsdale Organizations display was shared with the board. Each of the 15 prominently displayed organizations will have a four by two-foot block that includes an image reflecting the purpose of that organization, the organization's mission statement, and an area for customization by the organization. The entire display will be located on the wall adjacent to the Scottsdale Heritage Connection. The Friends of the Scottsdale Library provided funding for lighting to improve readability. The project will be completed by June 25, 2021, which is also the 70th anniversary of Scottsdale's founding in 1951.

2. Review of Bond Project 1. Replace Aging Infrastructure and Improve Public and Event Spaces ON Civic Center PLAZA

Erin Walsh, Public Information Officer in the Capital Projects Division and Brandon Sobiech, PLA, Principal of Dig Studio, presented an overview of the Bond Project #1, Replace Aging Infrastructure and Improve Public Event Spaces on Civic Center Plaza, Civic Center site design and construction renovation project.

Ms. Walsh provided a quick overview on how the project got to this stage and how the Scottsdale Library will interact with the Civic Center Mall improvements. Project #36 will be incorporated in project #1 by providing Wi-Fi throughout the mall. The virtual public meetings will be held Monday, May 24, 2021 – June 11, 2021. Construction will begin October 2021 and conclude January 2023.

Mr. Sobiech with the use of a slide show presented the overall process in developing the master plan, the interaction with the library, and anticipated entertainment destination for family activities. The goal is connectivity. To understand the spaces the plan is broken into the west bowl for performing arts, the east bowl for the library, and the civic lawn that engages City Hall and ties the east and west bowls together. A water plaza and children's garden/play area will be incorporated into the park space. The turquoise gem, which relates back to the arts of old Scottsdale, is the shape that defines areas. The project team is working with Scottsdale public art, to refurbish, relocate, and provide history on the existing sculptures. The design improves physical accessibility, preservation of plantings, and enhancement of the current geometry.

The civic lawn is the heart of the Civic Center that ties everything together and provides a walking path that will showcase the history of Scottsdale. The amenities near the library will allow the interior programs to expand to the exterior such as the children's garden, reading room, and play elements for all ages and abilities. The organic shapes create a variety of spaces for reading. The "perch" will be a vantage point that allows views of the children's area and the east bowl to watch a performance. The water fog plaza will provide a fun play area for cooling off. Through the water capture and turf reductions a projected 6 million gallons of water will be saved annually. The east bowl is an entertainment destination that can host many scales of events and performances.

Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Sobiech explained there are no designated dog areas; waste dispensers will be located at the entrances to allow pet owners to pick up after them. The water system is not recirculating to prevent contamination.

The interactive splash pad uses a flow-through system that is only activated when in use. The water from the splash pad goes to the lagoon and then to the irrigation system.

Ms. Walsh advised the City of Scottsdale website will have a link to the project's website. The project website will be active as of Monday, May 24, 2021, and will include fact sheets, graphics, and a public comment forum.

3. Director's Report

Kira Peters, Community Services Administrator, provided a summary of current events in the library. The recent COVID-19 update provides vaccinated patrons and employees are not required to wear mask. This is an interesting situation as it relies on the honor system. The fiscal 2021/22 tentative budget was approved by City Council. The budget included the CIP project for the expansion of the Sky Room /Storytime Room. Updates on progress will be provided at future meetings. There was also a 60% cut in the material budget, which will impact how services are provided. The buildings are not closed due to COVID but for budget restrictions throughout the City; reopening is a priority. There is a modified phased plan for reopening the buildings to full service if vacancies can be filled. Another priority is convenient and safe service, employee well-being, and library outreach. The city volunteer program is on pause due to Maricopa County having high community spread. Once the spread is reduced volunteers will be phased back into the buildings. Ms. Peters reminded everyone to visit the Scottsdale Library Facebook page which is full of great information. Drive thru, curbside and gate count statistics were provided for April 2021.

4. Kanopy

Bethany Ronnberg, Digital Librarian, provided information on the new streaming service available to patrons. Two weeks ago, the library added Kanopy, a streaming device like Netflix, that offers a variety of content for all ages. The program allows each patron to stream six films per month and three days to watch them. This program was first used for teaching in colleges and has been adapted for library use. To access the program, go to scottsdalelibrary.org, download the program, and sign up to create an account using your library card information. The previous Acorn TV program is no longer available as it was purchased by an investment company and shut down.

Vice-Chair Smigielski shared her frustration regarding Kanopy not having trailers and counting a 30-second view of a film as one of the six films allowed per month and said she would have an offline conversation with Ms. Ronnberg.

Board Member McLendon mentioned she was looking for a rather obscure Hitchcock film that was only available on Kanopy. Through the library site she was able to join Kanopy and see it and was thrilled.

5. Summer Reading Program

Dr. Mariko Whelan, Youth Services Coordinator, discussed the summer reading program. The program theme is Tails in Tales which begins June 1, 2021 and goes thru August 1, 2021 for ages 1-18+. The purpose of the program is to emphasize fun and lifelong reading skills. Participants get age-appropriate prizes and a free book from Maricopa County at the end of the program.

6. Patron Comment Report

Mandy Carrico, Senior Manager of Operations, discussed the Library patron comments in the monthly report to the Board. The main question is when will the library be reopening and the response is City management is being fiscally conservative and has not provided direction for reopening. Among multiple positive comments there was one complaint about a staff person.

7. Identification of Future Agenda Items

Agenda items for a future meeting include:

- Presentation of the proposed budget and staffing review pre-pandemic and present.
- Presentation on Pony Express to include success, maintenance, cost, and adding libraries.
- Discussion of new material and budget cuts.
- Presentation on each library branch including their unique aspects.

8. Board Members' Reports

Vice-Chair Smigielski gave an update on the Friends of Scottsdale Library activities. In an effort to reach the 100-member goal, members of the Friends Board of Directors were challenged to each encourage two people to join the Friends. The group is working hard on fundraising and collaborative grant writing with the Scottsdale Public Library. The group is also working on the Spirit of Literacy awards. She recognized Karen Yamasaki as a great and extremely generous patron to the Library.

Board Member McLendon updated the board on her visit to Appaloosa including viewing the book return process. Further noting the staff has been reduced from 17 to 8 due to the shutdown.

Vice-Chair Smigielski thanked Chair Reyman and Board Member McLendon for their support in her re-appointment to the board.

9. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER MCLENDON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR SMIGIELSKI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR REYMAN, VICE-CHAIR SMIGIELSKI, BOARD MEMBERS CAMPANA, HARTMAN, KLEIN, AND MCLENDON VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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