

CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Sunrise Mountain Library
March 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the Library Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened in open and public session at the Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Avenue, at 6:40 p.m.

Members Present: Nelson Benton, James Abraham, Michael Evans, Leslie Fountain and Katrina Romijn, Charles Bruen and Kathleen Cameron

Members Absent: none

Other Municipal Officials Present: John Sefton, Director; Nathaniel Washburn, Library and Cultural Services Manager; Kathleen Wade, Library Systems Administrator; Carla Balconi, Library Assistant III; Mary Marshall, Library Assistant I

Audience: 0

Note:

The order in which the items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed at the meeting.

1) Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Charles Bruen to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the January 29, 2018, special meeting. Katrina Romijn seconded the motion and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Free Speech Activity Policy

Nathaniel Washburn handed out the DRAFT Free Speech Activity Guidelines and mentioned that the City Attorney's office requested a vote because of another incident outside the Main Library. He went over the guidelines and reasons for their importance. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Charles Bruen to approve the Free Speech Activity Guidelines. Michael Evans seconded the motion and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Introduction of New Employee

Nathaniel Washburn introduced Kathleen Wade, new Library Systems Administrator. Kathleen spoke about herself and her past library experience as well as some of the responsibilities she has taken on since she started 2/20/2018. No action taken

2) Update of Strategic Plan Progress

Nathaniel Washburn spoke about progress of Strategic Plan. The team met with the mayor and council members as well as community members at the Main Library, Sunrise Mountain Library, retirement communities and the Peoria Community Center. He hinted that some preliminary results indicate that we should be looking to grow the library organically similar to the way Sunrise Mountain Library began.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Nathaniel Washburn reported that the Bravo Peoria event was a huge success with fun being had by all. The Summer Reading Program theme this year is Libraries Rock and will be enjoyed by both libraries' patrons. The Kid's Café will also be available at the Main Library again this summer – it is done in partnership with a local food bank. Main library is also looking forward to Library Con in May started last year by teen librarian Tonya Stuempfl.

Leslie Fountain asked about the progress of the solar canopy construction. Nathaniel reported that it is going well and will help power the library and park. He said it is part of a city-wide sustainability plan.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD:

Kathleen Cameron reported that the Bravo book sale earned \$5800, it was a four-day event. She said that in 2017 the Friends had 52 volunteers logging 4500 hours. The mid-year gift will be coming up - \$5000 for each library. They are planning many programs for the summer, emphasizing the arts and S.T.E.M. or S.T.E.A.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

James Abraham, Vice Chairperson

Carla Balconi, Library Assistant III