

City of Mesa Library Advisory Board Meeting

Date: September 17, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Mesa Public Library
Main Library, Library Board Room
64 E. 1st Street
Mesa, AZ 85201

Members Present

Alexis Ross, *Chair*
Ralph Wilson
Irene Frklich
Nathaniel Wadsworth
Megan Sterling
Pamela Rineholt

Staff Present

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

Members Absent

Steven Miner
Cindy Smith
Joy Petroff

Guests Present

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Chair Member, Alexis Ross, called the meeting for the City of Mesa Library Advisory Board to order at 5:35 p.m. on May 21, 2019.
Approval of May 21st meeting minutes	The May 21 st meeting minutes were moved by Alexis Ross and seconded by Megan Sterling. Upon the tabulation of votes for the meeting minutes, the results showed: AYES – Wilson, Ross, Sterling, Rineholt, Wadsworth, and Frklich NAYS – None
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements	Ralph Wilson was recognized as the newest Board Member. All Board Members and staff present introduced themselves.
Election of Vice Chair	Pamela Rineholt nominated Megan Sterling as the Vice Chair. This motion was seconded by Irene Frklich. Upon the tabulation of votes for the meeting minutes, the results showed: AYES – Wilson, Ross, Sterling, Rineholt, Wadsworth, and Frklich NAYS – None

AGENDA ITEM**DISCUSSION****Library Director's Update****a. Bond Projects: Main Library Children's Room**

Library Director, Heather Wolf, discussed each area of the Main branch bond project which was approved by Mesa voters in 2018. She went over the active learning area, the toddler space, renovated bathrooms, open programming space, program room, tween space, nooks in the walls, and everything related to the bond projects. The timeline is slightly pushed back due to the design taking longer than anticipated. Board member Wilson asked about the process to get to this step. Heather went through the decision-making process and how we got to this point.

b. Bond Projects: Dobson THINKspot and entrance improvements.

Heather discussed the façade improvements on the outside of the Dobson Ranch building and then went through the design of the THINKspot space. She discussed each of the rooms, the storage, and additional bathroom that are currently under design. The timeline is slightly pushed back due to the design taking longer than anticipated. Board Member Pamela wanted clarification on the program room and where it would be. Heather shared that the program room is going to remain in the same spot it is currently.

Strategic Plan Update

Management Assistant II, Tony Garvey, gave an update on the Library's Strategic Planning. Tony presented the Vision, Mission, Values, and priorities that were developed by staff after gathering all of the data from the focus groups and surveys.

Identify items for future agenda

Heather reminded the Board that there was a request for an update on the Summer Reading Program that will be taking place at the November Board meeting. Board Member Nathaniel asked about Phoenix removing fines. Heather gave an update on what she expects in the near future for MPL. She said we have been watching the County and now Phoenix and will use data to help decide if MPL will want to ask City Council to approve removing overdue fines. Pamela asked about data from other cities and Ralph asked about the simplification of fines if we remove over-due fines. Heather shared that there will be some simplification of processes if these fines were removed. Ralph asked about the budget dollars spent on the collection and the discounts we get, and Heather went through a high-level overview of the collection budget.

Next Meeting Dates

November 19th, 2019 – Main Library, Board Room

Adjournment

Board member Ralph Wilson moved and Irene Frklich seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm. Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Wilson, Ross, Sterling, Rineholt, Wadsworth, and Frklich
NAYS – None

The next meeting will be held on the 19th of November at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Board Room.