



LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

ACTION MINUTES

November 19th, 2024

The Library Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the Roadrunner Room at the Red Mountain Library, 635 N Power Rd, on November 19th, 2024 at 5:31pm.

BOARD PRESENT

Ralph Wilson *Chair*
Lonica Rowley *Vice Chair*
Mark Powell
Christal Cline
Karina Wilhelm
Jo Wilson
Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson
Ellen Bachman
James Martherus

BOARD ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Polly Bonnett
Jesse Simms
Brenna Klassen
Erin Jones
Tony Garvey
Zach Gomez-Robinson
Megan Guderian
Brandon Williams

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of May 21st minutes

The May 21st minutes were moved by Ralph Wilson and seconded by Christal Cline. The minutes were unanimously approved by all board members present.

3. Public Comments

No public comments. No votes taken.

4. Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements

All staff and board members introduced themselves. No votes taken.

5. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

Jo Wilson motioned to nominate Ralph Wilson as Chair, Ellen Bachman Seconds. Ralph Wilson is elected Chair with no opposition. Motion passes. Ralph Wilson motioned to nominate Lonica Rowley as Vice Chair, James Martherus seconds. Lonica Rowley is elected Vice Chair with no opposition. Motion passes.

6. Presentation on the Dobson Ranch Public Art Project

Troy Neiman and Maxie Adler are the Artists and Fabricator's of the project. They gave a presentation and provided an update on the Public Art Project. The project is currently in the fabrication stage. No votes taken.

7. Presentation of the Community Outreach & Engagement Ambassador Program

Supervisory Librarian, Megan Guderian introduced a new volunteer position called Community Outreach & Engagement Ambassador. This position will attend outreach events with a member of the outreach team to promote library services. No votes taken.

8. Mesa Reads Update

Librarian III, Brenna Klassen gave an update on the Mesa Reads program. The Mesa Reads program is a yearlong initiative to foster reading in Mesa for the year 2025. No votes taken.

9. Director's Update

Library Director, Polly Bonnett, introduced Connect with a Councilmember, board members will be assigned a councilmember to keep informed on library related topics. Polly also mentioned a library board interest survey will be coming soon. Polly informed the board about two recent awards, the Mesa Express library/Monterey Park expansion won Project of the Year and The Gateway Library won a 2024 ALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Award. Polly Provided an update on the Library Master Plan, The Family Resource Center, and VR Equipment Open House. Lastly, Polly shared that there will be renovations underway on the exterior of the Main Library soon, including Solar parking structures and facade improvements. No votes taken.

10. Identify items for future agendas

Board member Karina Wilhelm shared her experience navigating the library's website with recommendations on improvements. No votes taken.

11. Next meeting dates

January 21st , 2025 – Location, Library Board Room at the Main Library.

12. Adjournment

Jo Wilson motioned, and Ralph Wilson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the action minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 19th day of November 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

ZACHARY GOMEZ-ROBINSON, ADMIN SUPPORT ASST III