

City of Mesa Library Advisory Board Meeting

Date: September 20, 2022
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Main Library, Saguaro Room
64 E. 1st Street
Mesa, AZ 85201

Members Present

Steven Miner, *Chair*
Ralph Wilson, *Vice Chair*
Jo Wilson
Jeff Clubb
Linette Kinchen

Staff Present

Polly Bonnett
Jesse Simms
Brandon Williams
Tony Garvey
Anna Mathews
Zac Koceja
Andrea Alicoate

Members Absent

Ellen Bachman
Samantha Davis
Cindy Smith
Nichol Khan

Guests Present

Jeremy Kotter

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Call to Order	Vice Chair Member, Steven Miner, called the meeting for the City of Mesa Library Advisory Board to order at 5:41 p.m. on September 20, 2022.
Approval of May 17th meeting minutes	<p>The May 17th meeting minutes were moved by Jeff Clubb and seconded by Ralph Wilson. Upon the tabulation of votes for the meeting minutes, the results showed:</p> <p>AYES – Miner, S. Wilson, J. Wilson, Clubb, and Kinchen NAYS – None</p>
Public Comments	There were no public comments.
Introductions, Recognitions, and Announcements	Library Director, Polly Bonnett, welcomed the newest Board members, Jo Wilson, Jeff Clubb, Linette Kinchen, and Nichol Khan. All Board members, staff, and presenters present introduced themselves and shared their connection with the library. Polly thanked the Board members for volunteering their time to Mesa Library Advisory Board and looks forward to another great year. No other recognitions or announcements.
Election of Chair, Vice Chair	<p>Board Member, Ralph Wilson, nominated Vice Chair Steven Miner to the position of Board Chair, seconded by Board Member Jo Wilson. Jo then nominated Ralph Wilson as Vice Chair, seconded by Steven Miner. Upon the tabulation of votes for the meeting minutes, the results showed:</p> <p>AYES – Miner, S. Wilson, J. Wilson, Clubb, and Kinchen NAYS – None</p>
Together Mesa Initiative	Andrea Alicoate, Diversity and Special Project Manager for the City of Mesa, presented the Board with an overview of the Together Mesa Initiative, sharing how the City is focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Andrea discussed the value of storytelling, and how the city will continue to connect with the

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community in new and inviting ways. She shared the partnerships the City is developing with businesses, non-profits, community leaders, and how we plan to expand our reach in the future.

Vice Chair, Ralph Wilson, asked about the Library’s involvement in the initiative. Polly shared how MPL’s Diversity Team has been reviewing and making recommendations on the Library’s Collection, internal DEI policies, and has worked side by side with Andrea to continue to expand our efforts.

Southeast Library Update

Jeremy Kotter from Richard Kennedy Architects, Zac Koceja from the City of Mesa Engineering Department, and Polly Bonnett, Library Director, updated the Board on the design plans for the bond approved Southeast Library. They shared the layout of the branch, budgetary changes since the bond approval, and programmatic plans for the new library.

Polly reminded the Board that the bond approved library began initially after a needs assessment was completed in SE Mesa, and that many of the community needs identified are being met with this new and innovatively designed branch. Polly and Jeremy both shared the “Market” concept for the library’s interior layout and discussed the rationale for having 3 entrances to the branch, creating a welcoming entrance for visitors entering from all directions of the library branch (School/Park/Neighborhood). Polly shared the next steps for MPL are to take these plans to a public meeting for feedback and Mesa City Council for direction.

Board member, Jeff Clubb, offered feedback that he thought the plans were coming along well and thought it looked great. Chair, Steven Miner, asked about how this branch will fit in with schools in SE Mesa. Polly shared the partnerships we are strengthening with MPS and private schools in the area and discussed how this branch is going to be a place for “collision” for community members and students alike.

Library Director’s Update

Library Director, Polly Bonnett, shared an update on the THINKspot addition at the Dobson Ranch Library, the timeline for the construction of the Monterey Park Library, and shared the plans for the Mobile library. All of these projects are currently underway with the Dobson project scheduled for completion in December 2022, Monterey Park Library scheduled for completion in late summer 2023, and Mobile Library scheduled for completion by January 2024.

Identify items for future agenda

Vice Chair, Ralph Wilson, asked about banned books and if MPL has had received feedback from the community. Polly shared the process for our collection development and requests for reconsideration. No other items currently identified.

Next Meeting Dates

November 15th, 2022 – Location, Main Library Board Room

Adjournment

Board member Jo Wilson moved, and Ralph Wilson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm. Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Miner, S. Wilson, J. Wilson, Clubb, and Kinchen
 NAYS – None

The next meeting will be held on the 15th of November 2022 at 5:30 p.m. held in the Library Board room at the Main Library.