



Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library, La Retama Room

The City of Corpus Christi promotes participation regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or political belief. Reasonable accommodation is provided upon request and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For assistance or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact (361) 826-3300 at least 48 hours in advance. Upon request, this information can be available in larger print and/or in electronic format.

A. Call To Order

Pat Craig called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

B. Roll Call

Present: Pat Craig, Joan Carrillo, Jennifer Anderson, Melinda De Los Santos, Carroll Matthews, Dolores Rabon, Dora Wilburn

Present Virtually: None

Absent: Carrie Moore

C. Public Comment

- Marilena Garza- Expressed concern about the unhoused population during cold temperatures and pointed out only La Retama is a warming center on Sundays.
- Tom Tagliabue- Asked what the city's policy is regarding offensive comments in the minutes, pointed out inconsistencies in phrasing, and felt the annual report draft was inaccurate.
- Adam Copeland- Thanked the board for the work they are doing.
- Guillermo Gallegos- He felt the board should ask the city for more funding for the library and not focus on LGBT material or material with sex scenes because few people are protesting it, and the board should stand up for marginalized people.
- Peggy Duran- Stated the board should ask for more funding to help with unhoused services, the board should use Library staff expertise and should use professional instead of crowdsourced material.
- Grace Martinez- Said she is excited to look around the library and see what she can do.
- Shana Fuller- Said she thinks the library is a great resource and the winter brochure is great. She approves of the recommended changes to the Collection Development Policy by the board.
- Victoria Holland- She felt everyone present values the library and books that represent different ideas should be available but books with pornographic content are

inappropriate.

- Becky Moeller- She felt that the draft of the 2025 annual report should ask for more funding, and the board should be more transparent.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [25-0004](#) December 3, 2024 Minutes

Attachments: [December 3, 2024 Library Board Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Melinda De Los Santos and seconded by Jennifer Anderson. All voted to approve except Carroll Matthews who abstained. The motion passed.
These Minutes were approved.

E. Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

2. [25-0006](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- The Friends of CCPL held their annual meeting in December. Their next event will be Teen Bookfest by the Bay.
- This Committee Report was presented.

F. Director's Report

3. [25-0007](#) Director's Report

- Installation of the outdoor Wi-Fi access points for each location have been completed.
 - Coat drive- almost 200 coats have been donated. They have been distributed to Rainbow House (women and children), Mother Teresa, Free Store, and children's coats have been donated to Esperanza de Tejas.
 - Pet Supply Drive- 319 items have been donated and given to Animal Care Services
 - This week all library locations are serving as warming centers, during normal operating hours.
 - In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, all libraries will be closed on Monday, January 20th.
- This Director's Report was presented.

G. Unfinished Business

- None

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

4. [25-0008](#) Annual Report Update and Possible Vote

Attachments: [Library Board Annual Report 2025 Draft](#)

- Annual Report Update and Possible Vote- Pat Craig opened the floor for discussion. Changes to Items 2 and 3 were recommended by Laura Garcia, Sony Peronel, Carroll Matthews and Jennifer Anderson, a discussion ensued. No consensus was made on how to change these Items. Pat Craig asked if changes can be made and approved through e-mail. Jaqueline Salinas-Bazan suggested approving the draft subject to changes in specific Items, since the report is due by January 31. Jennifer Anderson motioned to approve the draft of the annual report with Director's recommendations subject to amendments to be made in Item number 3 clarifying that a budget was recommended as well as rephrasing in Item number 3. Joan Carrillo seconded the motion. Pat Craig, Joan Carrillo, Jennifer Anderson, Carroll Matthews, Dolores Rabon, Dora Wilburn voted in favor of the motion. Melinda De Los Santos voted against the motion. The motion passed. Pat said she would like suggestions by the end of the week.

I. Future Agenda Items

- Joan Carrillo asked Assistant City Manager Sony Peronel what the city has done regarding emergency shelter grant funding from HUD. He said that is not his area of oversight, but he will get that information to the Board next meeting. Pat asked if Jayne Atokuku-Vitz works with the homeless now. Laura said no, we have a social work intern, but Jayne is putting together resources on our website. Pat recommended looking at the new website. Sony gave details on the reasons for the name change but said that the old website will redirect to the new one for now.

J. Adjournment

Adjournment at 11:22am.