



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Library Board

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library, La Retama Room

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

B. Roll Call

Present: Julie Rogers, Vickie Natale, Pooja Bindingnavele, Candace Hart, Alice Hawkins, Sharron Hines, Carroll Matthews, Dora Wilburn

Present Virtually: Nicole Carroll

Absent: None

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

A motion to approve the July minutes was made Vickie Natale and seconded by Julie Rogers. The motion passed unanimously. Nicole Carroll, Sharron Hines, and Dora Wilburn asked that their previous absences be excused. Candace Harte moved that they be excused, and Alice Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. [23-1214](#) July 11 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [July 11 Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

E. Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

2. [23-1212](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- An update was given on the sensory friendly room project at La Retama Central Library. The sensory friendly room is a pilot program, if it is well received, other programs like it

may be initiated at other branches.

- The Friends received bookmarks for Friends of Library Week in October. They will be distributed with candy later.

F. Staff Report

3. [23-1238](#) Collection Development Policy Update

Michelle Balis, Managing Librarian at Neyland Public Library gave an update on the library's Collection Development Policy. The policy promotes a diverse collection to serve our community's needs with multiple viewpoints and can be found on the CCPL website. She also outlined the process of challenging materials and the review process that would be taken.

4. [23-1280](#) Meeting Room Reservation Policy Update

Patricia Herrera, Managing Librarian at La Retama Central Library, gave an update on the Meeting Room Reservation Policy. Meeting rooms can be reserved by non-profit groups by filling out a reservation form and returning it in person or turning it in online. Rooms cannot be reserved more than twice a month and no more than six months in advance.

F. Director's Report

5. [23-1213](#) Director's Report

- Summer Reading- This summer 1,997 children registered for summer reading programs and 450 children's programs were held. 13,364 patrons visited the libraries between June 5 and July 29, checking out 81,934 children's books. This is more than last year.
- Discovery Dome Mobile Planetarium Update- The dome is difficult to make ADA compliant, we are looking to see if it can be modified. Materials have been ordered to make some small repairs in-house.
- Library Cooling Centers- La Retama Central Library now has a storage container for patrons to store oversized items. Patrons may check out a card to store their items while visiting the library then check the card back in to retrieve them when they leave. Patrons must sign a waiver and may not leave their items when they leave the library.

G. Unfinished Business

6. [23-1281](#) Budget Update

Library staff gave a budget presentation to City Council. They requested increased security guard hours to have them 15 minutes before and after opening and closing. Staff also requested two librarian positions be added at La Retama Central Library to serve the community with reference and maintaining the CCPL website. New apartments are being built near La Retama that are expected to increase foot traffic to the library as well

as potential outreach opportunities.

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

No new business.

I. Future Agenda Items

None.

J. Adjournment

Adjournment at 12:51 pm.