



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

10:30 AM

Ben F. McDonald Library

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A. Call To Order

Alice Nixon called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Alice Nixon, Julie Rogers, Vicki Natale, Dora Wilburn, Nicole Carroll, Veronica Towns, Sharon Hines

Absent: Pooja Bindingnavele

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

D. Approval of the Minutes and Action on Absences

A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Vickie Natale and seconded by Nicole Carroll. The motion passed unanimously

Approval of the Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [22-1355](#) July 5, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes

Attachments: [Library Board Minutes July Meeting](#)

Minutes were approved.

E. Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

2. [22-1689](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

Mrs. Hines reported that 190 attended the recent Bridgerton event hosted at La Retama.

The draft of the online fall brochure was presented. It will be available in print soon. The library's stance on book banning remains the same: it does not support banning or the censoring of material and works to ensure a diverse collection is available. AAUW, who accepts donations primarily of nonfiction books, unless it's a rare fiction book, will be having their book sale soon. Dr. Natale, an AAUW member, stated that rare books are usually sold through means other than the book sale. Proceeds from the book sales go towards scholarships and library.

F. Staff Report

3. [22-1554](#) Collection Development Policies

In light of recent nationwide book bannings and having reviewed the reconsideration of library material process in May, an overview of the library's Collection Development (CD) policy was provided by Ms. Castanon. The CD policy is a living document and as such is being updated to reflect collection changes and the needs of our community. A final draft of the changes currently being made will be provided to the board before the next meeting.

G. Director's Report

4. [22-1553](#) Director's Report

Baker and Taylor, the library's contracted book vendor, had a ransomware attack. This has impacted the purchasing of material and required us to disable access to their digital resource Axis360 until further notice. Hoopla is still available. Credit card terminals will be installed soon at the self-checkout stations, this will improve customer service. The city is moving towards a new merchant provider that will make it possible for Bywater Solutions, who provides the maintenance support for Koha our Integrated Library System, to do an online payment develop which will allow patrons to make payments online.

H. Unfinished Business

5. [22-1345](#) Bond 2022 Update

La Retama Central is one of the Bond 2022 projects that will be on the November ballot. La Retama may need to close briefly for the plumbing rerouting project. The idea is to section of the work to allow for some restrooms to remain operational.

6. [22-1346](#) Vacancies on the Library Board Update

Re-appointments will go before council soon. Ms. Nixon's replacement, who is a La Retama Club member has submitted her application.

7. [22-1354](#) Library Budget for 2023 Update

City budget should be finalized on September 6th. The budget request included the following:

1. Increase in Security Guard service hours at the branches to provide coverage during operational hours \$110,000.
2. Librarian position for reference services \$78,000.
3. Replace computers at Garcia, Harte, Hopkins, and Neyland \$60,000
4. Study for possible new branch on the southside \$100,000.
5. Capital improvements to McDonald and Neyland at \$250,000.
6. Emergency generator for La Retama at \$500,000

A resolution will go to Council to approve us joining Texas Cloudlink project, this would increase access to over 250,000 CloudLibrary resources from other member libraries.

I. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

8. [22-1365](#) Status of Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) funding application

Fund (ECF) funding application- A 2.4 million dollar grant for mobile hotspots was granted to CCPL.

J. Future Agenda Items

None

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM.

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