

Lafayette Public Library Board meeting minutes

Remote meeting via Zoom Conference

June 14, 2021

I. **Call to order** at 6:31 pm

Present: Vice Chair Susan Curtis, Secretary Dave Belin, Randy Bender, Jess Gribble, Ed Knight, Jody Tracey, Autumn Warrington, Library Director Melissa Hisel, Assistant Director Scott Foley, Marketing Coordinator Director Allison Trippe, and City Council Liaison Tim Barnes.

II. **Library Mission:** “The Lafayette Public Library brings community, information, and ideas together to inspire learning, literacy, and discovery.”

III. **Approval of Minutes from May 2021 Meeting:** Belin moved to accept the minutes from the May 2021 meeting, as written; Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Comments from Public:** None.

V. **Director’s Report:** Director Hisel reported to the Board about the status of in-person meetings. Trippe updated the Board on summer reading, the ramping up of participation in story times, the upcoming magic show and family-friendly concert from Jeff and Paige (both events outdoors), prizes for summer reading (courtesy of the Friends of the Library). Other updates included a kickoff meeting with an architect related to the renovation of the downstairs bathroom, and potential future capital improvement in the form of an automated materials handling system. Evaluations of cost savings, including technical service and periodical subscriptions . A bilingual librarian did a field trip to Cal-Wood for story times; she has also been selected to present at Reforma, a bilingual library conference. The library budget is due on July 1, 2021.

Assistant Director Foley reported about Pride Month, library policy regarding un-masking, and the core values discussion. Core values involves the entire city from different departments for decision making. The group involves about 20 City of Lafayette staff which discussed and wrote about the core values of integrity, community focus, innovation, accountability, and teamwork. Other core values and pillars are being discussed. Updates are forthcoming in the next meeting. Lessons learned from the closure of the library during Covid-19 is an ongoing discussion among the library staff.

Mid-year goals for the staff including regaining the pre-Covid levels of service at the library, including opening meeting rooms for community use; internal communications among the 30 staff (many of whom are part time); telling the library’s story; continuing education for staff; and organizational restructuring including a new office manager

VI. **Other Business:** None.

VII. **FOLF Update.** Bender updated the Board about recent Friends of the Library meetings. The Friends met in person and discussed an updated roster of officers, promotional gift bags to donors, and current bank balance.

- VIII. **City Council Liaison Report:** Councilor Barnes told the Board about Council’s current priorities and updates, including the results of the resident survey, the multi-modal transportation survey currently in the field, efficiencies in departmental services in the City, water usage and drought restrictions in the City, the June 4 proclamation about National Gun Violence Awareness Day , recognizing June as LGBTQ month, June 19 will be recognized as Juneteenth, and the upcoming Peach Festival on August 21, 2021 will be in the north Flatirons Church parking lot.
- IX. **Next Meeting Date:** Monday July 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm in-person at the library.
- X. **Adjourn:** Tracey motioned to adjourn; Bender seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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