

# Lafayette Public Library Board meeting minutes

Remote meeting via Zoom Conference

July 12, 2021

I. **Call to order** at 6:33 pm

Present: Chair Olivia Ameigh, Vice Chair Susan Curtis, Secretary Dave Belin, Randy Bender, Jess Gribble, Ed Knight, Jody Tracy, Denise Walker, Autumn Warrington, Library Director Melissa Hisel, Assistant Director Scott Foley, 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. **Comments from Public:** None.

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

V. **Director’s Report:** Director Hisel reported to the board about a meeting with the materials handlers and a library architect about ways to improve the efficiency of the library operations. The City budget process has been underway. Assistant Director Foley will be speaking on the library’s behalf on a meeting for those with interest in becoming a member of City Council. A full in-person staff day will be held on August 30, the first in-person staff meeting in over a year. Foot traffic is increasing at the library, though the computer lab is only at 4 computers (down from 28) following the cyber-attack on the City. The City hired a new CTO this week and is looking for a new HR Director. The library is planning to open for Monday service on September 13, 2021. Upstairs study rooms are now open and available for reservation, along with the downstairs meeting room and conference rooms (starting tomorrow – July 13, 2021). The FLC courier is delivering 5 days a week, up from 4 days a week; materials can be picked up at any FLC library. A new office manager has been hired at the Library. Lafayette Reads final book will be *Americanah*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, with a meeting to discuss the book on September 20.

VI. **Transition to In-Person Meetings:** On July 6, City Council went back to in-person meetings. Boards and Commissions will also go back to in-person meetings, pending voting by members of those Boards and Commissions. Meetings can be run as hybrid meetings, both in-person and over Zoom. It is requested that unvaccinated people wear masks. Belin moved to return to in-person meeting for the August 2021 meeting; Bender seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. **FOLF Update.** Bender updated the Board about the FOLF account balance and the “Totes in the Wild” photo contest. Book donations are no longer by appointment only. The next book sale is between July 24 to August 1, 2021.

VIII. **City Council Liaison Report:** Councilor Barnes reported to the Board about the “So You Want to be on City Council” meeting. Also, the initial results of the multi-modal transportation plan, including the finding that one of the most important issues for residents is the condition of

