

**City of Bellevue  
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2020**

**Opening**

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:05 PM on February 18, 2020, in the meeting room of the Newport Way Library, by Barbara Spindel, Vice President.

**Meeting Attendance**

Board Members Present: Ankit Saraf, Barbara Spindel, Chad Davis, Gunjan Murarka, Stefan Sharkansky

Board Members Absent: Kim Anderson, Jillian Selem

KCLS Representatives: None

Friends of the Bellevue Library: Julie

Newport Way Library Association: Barbara

Guests: None

**Introductions**

Meeting kicked off with a quick round of welcome.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the January 2020 meeting were approved. They will be posted on the LAB One Drive and filed with the Deputy City Clerk.

**Public Comment Period**

There was no comment.

**REPORTS**

**Reports 1 – Bellevue Friends of Library report**

Julie updated the Board that Friends had a successful Holiday Book Sale.

**Reports 2 – Newport Way Library Association report**

Barbara updated the Board on programs:

- The library is finishing the Global reading challenge, with very well participation and a good level of competition. Teams showed great spirit.
- Sidewalk construction near the library will begin on March 18th. The construction will go for around 14 months.
- Library doing Science Sundays.

- A program is scheduled to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment with a guest speaker in Mercer Island.

### **Reports 3 – Bellevue Library staff reports**

- Updates from the KCLS library were provided to the Board via email.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item #1: Review of presentation to Bellevue City Council**

Board agreed that the presentation went very well with very thoughtful questions from the City Council. Ankit volunteered to gather answers to all open questions and provide them to City Clerk.

### **Agenda Item #2: Policy regarding the rescheduling of LAB meeting**

Board discussed moving meetings for attendance reasons. It was decided not to move unless there is an extraneous situation like weather or quorum issue.

### **Agenda Item #3: Discussion of timing and format of future presentations to Bellevue City Council**

Board discussed going forward to do annual presentations only in April. Build a monthly work-back plan from April to get the presentation done. Agree on the topic in January, gather inputs in February, finalize deck in March, and present in April. The plan is to start this sequence from 2021 onwards. Focus on one or two topics.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item 1 – Call for any new topics**

The open discussion happened, and Board talked:

- Re-start series of getting KCLS representatives and talk to the Advisory Board. Barbara to reach out to Cecie and look at the list of possibilities.
  - Invite Ron to come back and talk to Board about his experiences as a Trustee
  - Get someone from KCLS finance to talk about the 2020 budget and priorities
- Discussed how Board members can reach out more broadly with residents through volunteering at Bellevue Arts Fair, Farmer’s market, and other events. Barbara to reach out to Cecie and get a list of opportunities where Board members can volunteer.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM by **Barbara Spindel, Vice President**.

**Meeting Agenda:** Will be distributed by Kim Anderson, President, before the next meeting.

**Minutes Submitted:** By Gunjan Murarka, Board Secretary