

Auburn Public Library Advisory Board Minutes from February 22, 2022

The Auburn Public Library Advisory Board met at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in the Library Program Room. The following individuals were present:

Board Members	Marcia Boosinger, Chair Bonnie MacEwan, Vice Chair Karen Herring David Housel
APL Staff	Tyler W. Whitten, Library Director Ashley Brown, Public Services Librarian Manager Luke Brown, Public Services Librarian Samantha Godsy, Programming Specialist Daisy Griffin, Library Assistant – Public Services Cynthia Ledbetter, Engagement and Outreach Librarian Brandon Rowland, Digital Services Librarian

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Boosinger at 10:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting were distributed to Board members in advance of today's meeting. Housel moved to approve the minutes as written. MacEwan seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

- There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Whitten included two recent impact stories in the packet for this meeting.
 - Pete Forster, principal of Yarbrough Elementary, attended the APL Foundation meeting on January 31, 2022, and expressed appreciation for the Library staff's efforts in the community and for how vocal the community is in its support of the Library and the Auburn City Schools.
 - Andrew Adams, Library Assistant – Public Services, expressed appreciation to Valerie Temple, Programming Specialist, for her skillful facilitation of the Readers Review Adult Book Club in February, which featured author Jaime Clevenger as a guest speaker.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN

- Whitten presented the proposed layout of the City of Auburn campus on Donahue Drive and the conceptual drawings of the neighborhood library.

- Members of the Library Advisory Board discussed potential points to include in the draft of a letter to the City Council expressing appreciation for the plans to build a campus of City facilities on Donahue Drive and advocating for the need to include the neighborhood library that is being developed as part of the campus. Points of advocacy that were discussed included the need for additional public library space to address deficits highlighted by the Master Plan, continuing strong circulation of physical materials in the Auburn community, and the need to bring critical library facilities to an underserved area of the City.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Whitten proposed a retooling of the Board Development segment in future meetings to place emphasis on topics of interest to Board members that arise from their own explorations of current issues in libraries, through articles, videos, or other sources. One topic proposed involved first amendment audits, which are being experienced by a number of libraries across the nation.
- Whitten requested that Board Development for March 2022 be dedicated to discussing the format for orientation of new Board members, as a new member will be joining the Board with the April 19 meeting. Feedback from the upcoming discussion will be used to craft an orientation session to be conducted by Boosinger, MacEwan, and Whitten prior to the April meeting.
- Whitten and Board members reaffirmed that Board meetings are permitted to fill a two-hour block of time, though some meetings will likely be shorter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Whitten asked the Board if any changes are needed with regard to the format of the statistical summary that is included in the packet each month. Board members were encouraged to make suggestions if requests emerge. There was some discussion of including graphs or pie charts that would bring a visual element to selected outputs.
 - Boosinger noted that outputs experienced a significant increase in most areas for January 2022.
- Whitten stated that the Library Management Team will provide a budget overview focusing on trends and impactful milestones in October and April. Other important information will be conveyed as the need arises.
- Library policies have been thoroughly reviewed over the last fiscal year, and staff will continue to review policies internally in keeping with the policy review calendar; however, policies will only be included on the agenda for discussion if an update is needed.

LIBRARY SERVICES PRESENTATION

- Luke Brown, Public Services Librarian, and Daisy Griffin, Library Assistant – Public Services, discussed library displays and display-building strategy, as well as the impact displays have on the ability of library visitors to discover materials that are meaningful for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cynthia Ledbetter, Engagement and Outreach Librarian, provided an update on the recent Multilingual Story Time program. The event was well-attended, and another session is planned for fall 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further items of business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyler W. Whitten