



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Library Board

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

10:30 AM

La Retama Central Library, La Retama Room

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A. Call To Order

Pat Craig called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

B. Roll Call

Present: Pat Craig, Carrie Moore, Joan Carrillo, Jennifer Anderson, Melinda De Los Santos, Alice Hawkins, Carroll Matthews, Dolores Rabon, Dora Wilburn

Present Virtually: None

Absent: None

C. Public Comment

- Ken Weston stated that the board should remove pornographic and sexually explicit material from the children's section.
- Becky Moeller stated that a board member was out of line in bringing up removal of a book at the March meeting. She stated that board members should follow procedure better.

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

1. [24-0524](#) March 12 Library Board Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 12 Library Board Minutes - Final](#)

Pat Craig motioned to amend the March minutes to change the first line of item 7 to say, "Pat Craig mentioned ways of raising public awareness, including forming a subcommittee" and correct the title of a book in question to "'Kingdom of Ash' by Sarah J. Maas". Dolores Rabon moved to approve the minutes as amended, Carrie Moore seconded. Everyone voted to approve the minutes as amended except for Jennifer Anderson who abstained due to absence.

Jennifer Anderson, Carroll Matthews, and Dora Wilburn asked that their previous absences be excused. A motion to excuse their absences was made by Alice Hawkins and seconded by Carrie Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

2. [24-0525](#) Friends of CCPL Liaison Report

- The Friends' logo is being redesigned with assistance from Del Mar College staff.
- A student in the Texas A&M-CC grant writing class selected the Friends for their grant project.
- The Friends will have a table at the April 13th Week of the Young Child event, scheduled at La Retama Central Library, from noon to 3.

F. Director's Report

3. [24-0526](#) Director's Report

Attachments: [Library Board Library Staff Presentation-April2024](#)
[Library Board Library Directors Report Presentation-April2024](#)

- The budget initiative to increase Security Guard service hours from 30 hours a week to the operational hours of each of the 5 library branches was approved by Council on Sept. 5, 2023. Council approved the service agreement on March 26, 2024.
- The joint venture between Kaffie Middle School Library and the Garcia Library was dissolved as of Sept. 30, 2023. This was at the request of CCISD and approved by the CCISD Board of Trustees on May 22, 2023.
- The service agreement for the purchase of network equipment is tentatively scheduled to go before the City Council at the end of April. E-Rate Category 2 funding, which covers 85% of eligible equipment to be used for this project. The cost to the library will be approximately \$14,000.
- The Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSLAC) Annual Report for FY23 is due at the end of April.
- The revised adult and youth library card applications were provided. The revised youth application includes statements that parent/guardians assume responsibility for the use and monitoring of their youth's card, including the youth's selection of material. To assist in monitoring their youth's selections, information on how to access the library account is provided both on the application and the welcome information. The revised adult application will include the following statement "Should I allow a minor to use this card, an authorization form must be on file, and I will be responsible for the content of the material they check out." At time of checkout parents\guardians can receive text and email notifications. Alice Hawkins requested more information on the alert process and the library director provided more details. Melinda De Los Santos asked if the library could make it so that minors could not check out certain material. Laura Garcia stated that it is the responsibility of parents\guardians to decide what their child can or cannot check out. In response to school libraries having permissions on file as to what a student can and

cannot check out, Laura Garcia stated that schools are in a different setting. She also stated that it could be a liability for the City to decide what material a minor can check out and provided some examples.

- Melinda De Los Santos mentioned that the Prattville and Campbell libraries restrict access to minors. Laura Garcia asked if they were Texas libraries. Melinda De Los Santos said no.
- Melinda De Los Santos mentioned that the CCPL Collection Development policy includes references to ALA, to which Laura Garcia responded that it does.

G. Unfinished Business

- None

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

4. [24-0527](#) Staff Presentation - Update on Policies and Procedures

Attachments: [JB Library Board Legal Update April 2 2024](#)

- Staff Presentation- Policies and Procedures: Assistant City Attorney Jacqueline Salinas-Bazan outlined the legal definitions of obscenity and legal issues concerning the library. Topics included the Miller Test for obscenity, House Bill 900, Book People Inc v. Wong, and the Texas Penal Code for obscenity. She indicated that the rating requirement in House Bill 900 was held unconstitutional in Book People Inc. v. Wong, 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in January 2024. Melinda De Los Santos referred to Board of Education v. Rico, that gave leeway for school superintendents to remove books from their collection. Jacqueline stated that that case was only applicable to school libraries. Jacqueline stated that under Texas Penal Code Section 43.24 Affirmative Defense “it is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the sale, distribution, or exhibition was by a person having scientific, educational, governmental, or other similar justification.”
- Jacqueline provided the guidelines for forming a subcommittee. The subcommittee can only consist of Board members, must be less than the number required to make a quorum and meet without City staff support.
- The Library Director provided a comparison of titles owned by CCPL that were reviewed on the Booklooks.org website, which was referenced by Board members during the March meeting. As of March 18, CCPL owns 469 of the 734 on the website. CCPL owns 11 of the 25 titles that received a rating of “5.” All 11 titles are in the adult section of CCPL.

5. [24-0528](#) National Library Week Proclamation Vote

- A copy of the National Library Week Proclamation was provided. The proclamation will not be presented during the City Council ceremonial meeting, as all the slots were full. A motion to approve the Proclamation was made by Alice Hawkins and seconded by Joan Carrillo. The motion passed unanimously.

6. [24-0529](#) Potential Book Donation - Brave Books

- Potential Book Donation - Carrie Moore stated that Brave Books may donate children's books to CCPL. Laura said that staff reviewed some of the titles on the Brave Books website and they seemed similar to other titles in the CCPL collection. She also mentioned that it appeared that some of the books might be paperback, which generally are not added to the picture book collection due to durability, but CCPL would accept the donation.
- Jennifer Anderson asked a procedural question regarding the book excerpts from the March Board meeting that were emailed to City Council members by Pat Craig. Jennifer asked if the email was sent on behalf of the Board. Pat stated that it was not sent on behalf of the Board members.
- Laura reminded everyone that anything sent from the Board to Council must be voted on. She reminded the Board that any correspondence involving library business should also be provided to her and Alan Carlos.
- Alice Hawkins verified that "Kingdom of Ash", mentioned during the March meeting, is on the shelves of CCISD middle schools but has never been checked out.

I. Future Agenda Items

- None

J. Adjournment

Adjournment at 12:22 pm.