

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Emily Fowler Central Library – December 9, 2019

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 5:27 p.m. The meeting was held at the Emily Fowler Library, Denton, Texas 76201. Dr. Greenlaw called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Jean Greenlaw, Ling Jeng, Kate Margolis, Benjamin Huttash, Laura Cantu, Sam Alphonse

ABSENT: Deon Starnes

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker

GUESTS: None

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NONE

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB19-070 Minutes of November 11, 2019 were amended to reflect that board Member Sam Alphonse had not yet been appointed at the time of the meeting, so will not be marked as “absent”. Kate Margolis moved to approve minutes as amended, Dr. Ling Jeng seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

B. LB19-068 Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

The next Friends of the Denton Public Libraries Executive Board meeting will be January 9, 2020. The Library will present 2020 Friends funding requests at that meeting.

C. LB19-067 Receive an informational report and hold a discussion regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

The Foundation currently has a \$100,000 CD that will come to maturity in April 2020. The Foundation checking account has a balance of \$16,041.51.

The Foundation has been collecting donations for the Reading Nook Park project from individuals and the Noon Rotary Club. The Foundation plans to give \$15,000 raised and is waiting to hear start date and cost from bids.

Foundation members were invited to the December 5, 2019 Noon Rotary Club meeting for a check presentation and photo opportunity to help promote the park project.

D. LB19-066

Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding:

- Library Master Plan

There is a definite need for growth - Denton was recently cited as the #2 boomtown in the nation.

Plans for branches: North Branch would remain in current building, with improvements. The South Branch is undersized – would move to area near Ryan Elementary. New building around 40,000 square feet likely in next five years. A fourth branch in the area on North side of Robeson Ranch around 2029/2030.

Changes are being made in the structure of Technical Services and processes of collection development to improve productivity and use of qualified staff. A/V items started receiving full processing via Midwest Tape in October and books will be moving to full processing with Baker and Taylor as details are worked out.

Dr. Jeng inquired about the previously stated need for adding a project manager. Jennifer Bekker responded that that position was in the Master Plan.

- Library 2020 Spring Classes & Events

2020 Spring Classes and events – Transgender Story Time switching to Rainbow Family Story Time for LGBTQ+ families and their allies.

- Library Special Collections Blog

Library special collections blog – Laura Douglas researched about segregation of public library, based on information from an oral history document. She cited the oral history and Denton Record Chronicle articles noting a separate library for African American residents and two community African American libraries in Denton in the 1940's through 1963. Director Bekker asked the Library Board to weigh in on the text and words cited in the blog article. Dr. Jeng noted that one should not change proper nouns and titles, and the question was whether a quote was necessary in the article or the information could be paraphrased without using a quote. Dr. Greenlaw disagreed, felt history should stay history with exactly the same words. Mr. Huttash brought up that there may be a valuable resource for oral history via Fred Moore nursery school board.

E. LB19-069

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and consider recommending approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

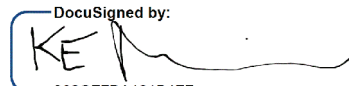
- Bulletin Boards and Public Notices Policy
- Special Collections Development Policy
- Municipal Archive Collection Development Policy
- Circulation Services Policy
- Unattended Children Policy

The same policies and changes from previous month's agenda needed another vote. Director Bekker went over changes. There was no discussion. Cantu motioned to pass, Margolis seconded. The changes were passed unanimously.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully,

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