



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final

Library Board

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

6:00 PM

1008 W. Pfluger Street, Pflugerville, TX

Regular Meeting

Library Board Members:

Robert Spoonemore - Chair

Marylou Grzybowski - Vice Chair

Dawn Janacek - Secretary

Deborah Bronson

Carl Moore, Jr.

Bridget Boswell-Muntz

George Sylvie

Nick Crissy - Alternate

1. Call to Order

Chair Spoonemore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Robert Spoonemore (Chair), Mary Lou Grzybowski (Vice Chair), Dawn Janacek (Secretary), Deborah Bronson, Bridget Boswell-Muntz, George Sylvie, Nick Crissy (Alternate)

Board Members Absent: Carl Moore Jr.

Staff: Jennifer Coffey – Library Director, Peter Shugart–Library Tech I

2. Citizen Communication

none.

The Library Board welcomes public comment on items relevant to the Pflugerville Public

Library. Public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published agenda will only

be heard by the Library Board. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made

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3. Approval of Minutes

3A. [2019-7729](#)

Discuss and consider action to approve the Library Board regular meeting minutes of July 10, 2019.

Minutes were approved after correction of Dawn Janacek's name and Deborah Bronson's attendance.

4. Discuss Only

- 4A. [2019-7731](#)** Report on the Friends of the Library activities.
Jennifer Coffey, Library Director

Director Coffey reported that the Friends July meeting consisted mostly of a farewell to Jane Ann Howard, a discussion of the book sale on October 24th and corporate sponsorships.

The Friends have a Facebook page and may begin taking donations through it.

- 4B. [2019-7730](#)** Teen Liaison reports.
Jeremy Ryan, Hendrickson High School
Maddie Flores, Connally High School
Gabriel Hayak, Weiss High School

No report given as Teen representatives are out for Summer vacation.

- 4C. [2019-7728](#)** Library Director Report.
Jennifer Coffey, Library Director

Director Coffey reported that the stats are looking good. The Wifi counter is still in the budget for next year.

Summer Reading program ended on the 27th of July with "Pay it Forward Pflugerville". This is the 2nd year we have done this and it kicks off the Kindness Revolution for the year. Kindness rally will be the 1st Wednesday in October. People can meet here or wherever they like to wish people a good day.

Board Member Sylvie had a question on the public computer use numbers Director Coffey sent out. Director Coffey said an extra "1" was on the sheet. The corrected number for July 2018 is 3079 and she will correct the sheet and send it out with next month's packet.

- 4D. [2019-7732](#)** Discuss room use fees, pros and cons
Jennifer Coffey, Library Director

Director Coffey sent out additional reading for the Board including a list of proposed fees for room use. In reading the Library bill of rights concerning room use, she found there are some current policies that need change. We are going to rewrite these policies. For instance, you can't keep people from using a public space for religious purposes.

"Publicly funded libraries are not obligated to provide meeting room space to the public. If libraries choose to do so, such spaces are considered designated public forums, and legal precedent holds that libraries may not exclude any group based on the subject matter to be discussed or the ideas for which the

group advocates.”

We will be much more inclusive in the future. Chair Spoonmore asked how we are going to accomplish this. Director Coffey said the policies would be updated and presented to the Board.

Board Member Bronson asked how this would affect hate groups or violent groups.

Director Coffey said that hate groups and hate speech are not protected.

Director Coffey went over fees for room use, equipment use, and cleaning deposits. There will be much lower fees for nonprofits than other groups. There will still be limits on the number of times per month a group can use Library rooms. Director Coffey is watching closely the events with Leander library’s room since there are legal issues being raised with library room use there. Director Coffey has asked Trey Fletcher to table this until January.

Will this affect groups who are currently using the rooms? Non-profit groups will be charged at a lower amount than private groups. Use by these groups is expected to drop due to the fees being charged.

Director Coffey will contact other Libraries that charge room use fees to see if room usage dropped because of the fees. The fees may be reconsidered later.

4E. [2019-7727](#)

Security Camera Update

Jennifer Coffey, Library Director

Public Libraries get a lot of feedback about programs, displays, and materials from various groups. There are opinions that by having these, the Library is promoting one idea or another. The Library tries to remain neutral and present the many sides to society as a whole.

Director Coffey provided talking points on controversial programs and challenged materials. Library guests and artists are invited based on the merit of their work. We will have a highly regarded and awarded presenter at LibCon who is transgender. Director Coffey has spoken with city officials to let them know this person has been the target of protests.

The library provides an environment in which individuals and their interests are brought together with ideas and information spanning the full spectrum of knowledge and opinions.

The collection criteria includes that the Library does look for the opposing side to issues so that the public may be well informed so that the public can make up their own minds.

There is a formal process for a person to challenge our materials which includes bringing the complaint to the Library Board for review. Director Coffey will create a formal complaint form for programs and presenters.

The new projected installation is now in about 8 weeks.

4G. [2019-7736](#)

Budget update

Jennifer Coffey, Library Director

Director Coffey does not see any more cuts coming. The Budget has not gone to the City Council yet.

5. Discuss and Consider Action**5A. [2019-7733](#)**

Five-Year Plan and Policies Update

Robert Spoonemore, Library Board Chair

Jennifer has sent out her updates to the committee, chair Spoonemore will be meeting with the other committee members to review the changes and send out their recommendations to the Library Board for the next meeting. The 5 year plan will be presented to the City Council and is due on the last day of this calendar year.

6. Future Agenda Items**6A. [2019-7734](#)**

Upcoming Agenda Items

Robert Spoonemore, Library Board Chair

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- Policies update
- 5 Year Plan

Adjourn

Chair Spoonemore adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Coffey
Library Director

Approved as submitted on September 11, 2019