

**City of Bellevue
Library Advisory Board**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021**

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order at 5:09 PM on November 16, 2021 by the Board President. The meeting was virtual using Zoom.

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members Present: Stefan Sharkansky, Sarah Rock, Ankit Saraf, and Kim Anderson

Board Members Absent: Chad Davis, Jim Rusk and Gunjan Muraka

KCLS Representatives: John Scheller

Friends of the Bellevue Library: None

Newport Way Library Association: Kim Anderson

Guests: Jo Anderson, KCLS Diversity Services Coordinator

Introductions

Meeting kicked off with a quick round of welcome. The Board President noted that there will be no meeting in December, and the next meeting is in January 2022.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the last meeting in October 2021 were presented in the meeting for approval. Upon motion made by Kim Anderson and seconded by Sarah Rock, the minutes were approved.

Public Comment Period:

No public comments.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Welcoming Center in KCLS

Jo Anderson provided an overview on the Welcoming Center focused on developing relationships with groups impacted by racism. The first Welcoming Center was in Kent in 2019, with two ambassadors with different backgrounds (one ambassador is from Somalia and the other is an Afghan-American). There will be two Welcoming Ambassadors in Bellevue. One is a Chinese speaker and one is a Spanish speaker. The Board discussed with Jo and John the purposes and goals of the Welcoming Center and the view of libraries as a public space.

Jo Anderson left the meeting following her presentation.

REPORTS

Reports 1 – Bellevue Friends of Library report

None.

Reports 2 – Newport Way Library Association report

Kim Anderson provided a brief report on the NWLA.

Reports 3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

No further updates.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed whether there was a concern regarding the lack of hours at the libraries. John noted that there is expected to be a 20% increase in hours in 2022, but that none of the libraries will be open seven days a week.

Adjournment:

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned at 6:19 PM by Kim Anderson and seconded by Ankit Saraf.

Meeting Agenda: Will be distributed by Ankit Saraf, President, before the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Kim Anderson, acting Board Secretary