

Kyle Public Library Board

Minutes of Meeting held on March 10, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Kyle Public Library Board met in a joint session with the City Council on the second Thursday, March 10, 2022 in the Director's office at 550 Scott Street, Kyle, TX

Board Members Present: Jessie Ramirez, Susan Reyna, Henry Siller, Morgan Harrell Gracie Rocha and Dir. Paul Phelan

City Council Members in attendance: Mayor Pro Temp Robert Rizo, Michael Tobias, Daniela Parsley, Dex Ellison City Manager Scott Sellers Assistant City Manager Jerry Hendrix and City Secretary Jennifer Holm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jesse Ramirez at 7:01PM

Secretary called roll, all Library Council members were present

Public Hearing: No one to speak from the public.

Consent Items: Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Susan Reyna and seconded by Henry Siller. Minutes of the February 10, 2022 were approved and submitted.

New Business:

Dr. Venessa Westbrook, representing the Buda/Kyle Kiwanis Club, was present to make a presentation of a commemorative plaque in appreciation for a Black History month event to Director Paul Phelan and the Library staff.

Director Paul Phelan explained the award, Texas Municipal Library Director's Association Achievement in Excellence Award for 2021. He explained the process of the application and gathering of all materials. He commended the staff for all the time and effort put into the application. This is the 6th year the Kyle Public Library has received this award.

The 2022-2026 Kyle Public Library Long Range Plan was approved. Jessie Ramirez made the motion and Henry Siller seconded the motion. The Plan was approved by unanimous vote of the Advisory Board. Board member Henry complimented the board in the ability to work together. Director Phelan also complimented the

board in all the effort, time in producing the document. A copy of the Plan was distributed to all City Council Member

Director Phalen gave a report on the statistics, pointing out that the Digital Circulation has continued to rise during Covid. He reported that he anticipates all areas of Library programs to show an increase in percentage. He also called attention to the monthly newsletter with all the events and programs listed.

Michael Lynch, Librarian, gave a report about the information desk that he utilizes to assist the patrons when needed.

Cara Waits, Assistant Director, reported the Summer Reading Program has been developed for June and July with scheduled activities. The theme is Time Travel "Travel Time and Space to a Faraway Place". Reminder this is not only for children, everyone is invited to join the reading program.

Director Paul reported that there was no specific news from the Friends of the Library, however with the passing of the Long-Range Plan he will be able to approach them and ask for assistance for selected items.

At 7:18 the joint meeting transitioned to the City Council. Mayor Pro Temp Robert Rizo asked for roll call of the Council members and proceeded with items on the agenda. Some of the items discussed are seen as a team effort between the City Council, Library Board and other City Depts.

Jessie Ramirez, Chair of Library Board, began discussion of the first goal in the LRP, *encouraging the arts*,

City Councilwoman, Daniela Parsley, shared her vision of the Arts in Kyle, primarily an art festival incorporated in different areas of the city.

Mayor Pro Temp Rizo, commented on his vision of highlighting /incorporating the history of Kyle to be included in some way with a festival.

KLB member, Susan Reyna, mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Department and possibly other depts could partner in the development of an art festival.

Councilman, Michael Tobias commented that he would like to see music included with art in the festival ideas.

Question was posed “How do we start moving forward planning for an art festival”, by Councilwoman Daniela Parsley. Scott Seller replied explaining the formation of an Art Commission is in the works, being a joint effort with the Kyle Library Board.

Councilman Michael Tobias expressed his vision of building a Central Library to meet the needs of the city. Expansion is inevitable, recognizing that fact there was discussion on the location, land, and cost.

Councilman Dex Ellison contributed information on the cost of projects, locating, purchasing land, bonds and the steps that need to be in place to follow through with the plans.

There was discussion by city council member and the library board members as to how funds could be obtained in the future.

Mayor Pro-temp Rizo made a motion that the meeting adjourn Councilman Michael Tobias seconded the motion.

The joint meeting of Kyle City Council and Kyle Library Board was adjourned at 8:24 PM.



Jessie Ramirez, Chairperson



Gracie Rocha, Secretary