

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

August 26, 2019, 5:34 p.m.

Members Present: Anne West, Chair, Margie Wells, Susan Kellicut, G.K. Sharman, Barbara Hilderbrand, Raychel Garcia

Members Absent: Beverly Courtney

Members of the Public:

Staff: Christine Patten, Library Services Division Manager, Virginia Howerton, Public Services Manager

- 1) Ms. West called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum for the August 26, 2019 Library Advisory Board Meeting. The motion was made to accept the official minutes from July 29, 2019 by Ms. West, which was seconded by Ms. Wells, and approved by unanimous vote.
- 2) Ms. Patten provided an update to the Library Advisory Board on the Leisure Services Department, Budget Work Session, August 1, 2019. The Board of County Commissioners' meeting was televised on SGTV, and Commissioner Lockhart wanted to know why the ADA remodeling projects were deferred. She suggested using reserve funds to get the library public restroom ADA remodeling at all branches completed as soon as possible. Commissioners Zembower, Carey, and Dallari agreed with getting these projects done rather than to continue to defer them. The County Manager reported that they were being spaced out a one library branch per year based on funding.
- 3) The Leisure Services Department presented an in-depth work session to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on August 13, 2019. The original agenda was an overview of the divisions, discussion about Rolling Hills Park, the Trails program, Greenways and Natural Lands. The Library's proposal for a master plan to assess library facility and service needs was added to the agenda. Mr. Durr was planning to make this presentation but frequent questions were asked by the Commissioners about the Library. Commissioner Dallari asked Christine Patten, Library Services Division Manager to join them at the table. Commissioners expressed interest in building new library branches or expanding existing library branches. They had questions about e-books and how digital content impacts space needs and e-book usage. The BCC discussed properties owned by the County that would be good locations for future library branches. Commissioner Dallari talked about public libraries as economic engines.
- 4) The Library will solicit bids for a company to provide the BCC with a Facilities Master Plan that will look at the need for expansion of the library system. If the Board decides to pursue a ballot initiative the expansion of the library system would be included.
- 5) The County I.T. department had funds available in the FY 18/19 budget. The new security cameras for the Central Branch to this year.
- 6) Good of the order
- 7) Next meeting September 30, 2019 at 5:30 PM.