



City of Abilene

Library Advisory Board Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Abilene Public Library Advisory Board of City of Abilene to be held on February 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., at the Abilene Public Library, 202 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from Regular meeting held on November 1, 2021

AGENDA ITEMS

2. Library Director's Report-Julee Hatton
3. Introduction of New Library Advisory Board Member-Clint Buck
4. Abilene Heritage Square update
5. Friends of the Library update

ADJOURNMENT

Notice

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 28th day of January, 2022, at 8:45 a.m.

Shawna Atkinson, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2021

The Abilene Public Library advisory Board met in the auditorium of the Main Branch Library at 4:00 PM, Monday, November 1, 2021. A quorum was present.

Board Members present: Clint Buck (Chair), Dorothy Davidson, Elizabeth Norman, Tim de la Vega, Joe Specht

Board Members absent: Jason Hernandez

Also Attending: Julee Hatton, Library Director; Trent Dietz, City Attorney; Linda Camacho, Library Administrative Assistant

Media present: None

Mr. Clint Buck called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. Motion to approve from Elizabeth Norman; Joe Specht seconded. No objections, conversations or adjustments made; minutes accepted as presented.

Library Director's Report: Ms. Hatton reported that Christine Curtis-Carr's Library Advisory Board term ended on October 31, 2021. This now gives us one vacancy on the board. We appreciate all the work Christine has done for our Library and the City.

Community Outreach Program: On October 4, 2021, we had a booth at the Abilene Police Department for their National Night Out event. This community activity was well attended by families. Ms. Hatton applied temporary tattoos to guests and Jessica Reyes & Alyssa Crow provided face painting. This was the first time we were invited to this event and it was a lot of fun for us as well as the community. We've asked to be invited to more police functions in the future.

On October 27, Ms. Hatton spoke at the Kiwanis club for the Wednesday group. Ms. Hatton met a lot of new people and it was nice to speak with people face-to-face since we had not been able to do so since COVID hit. Ricki Brown, a previous library director, was a Kiwanis member and very involved. The Kiwanis club was very interested in hearing what has been happening at our libraries.

Starting in September Ms. Hatton will attend the Jump Start Orientation at Dyess Air Base the first Wednesday of every month. At these sessions, we talk about what's new at the library and events that are going on to the new personnel at Dyess. Plus, their base library cards now work at all Abilene Public Library branches in town, which has brought a lot of new families our way.

Ms. Hatton has been working on professional development with the Texas Library Association (TLA). She has been appointed to the TLA awards committee this year where she will take part in reviewing the

applications for the librarian of the year, distinguished service, lifetime achievement award, and more. Ms. Hatton will be a part of helping with the selection and presenting of the awards in April in Ft. Worth. She has also been asked to be a panelist for a conference session at that same conference about working with your friends and foundation boards.

In August Ms. Hatton attended the Grand Opening of the Reby Cary Youth Library in Ft. Worth. Manya Shorr is the Fort Worth Public Library Director and also 2021 TLA Librarian of the year. This library is **only** dedicated to children and teens. This building is 8,000 sq. ft. at a cost of \$5.49 million and has beautiful art that lights up at night. It's helped to give us new ideas for Abilene Heritage Square too.

Some of the Public Board meetings have been held at the South Branch Library due to the elevator being out of order at City hall. Both Tremain and Jessica have been shooting the live broadcasts for the city and they're doing a wonderful job as always. A big thank you to both of them.

Abilene Heritage Square (AHS): The new opening date is 2024. On September 2, 2021 the glass artist held a workshop with board members. Her name is Carlyn Ray and she is based out of Dallas, TX. She has been commissioned to create an art installation for AHS.

September 14, 2021, was the meeting with the architects for AHS and the library design consultants to look at interior design and fixtures. This process is moving along nicely. Also in September, the Technology consultants that are working with the architects conducted some workshops with AHS members, City IT, and others.

AHS should be starting their public campaign soon.

Friends of the Library: Their annual meeting will be held in our auditorium on November 9, 2021 at noon. They will approve the new board members and present the Ricki Brown Librarian of the Year Award. The outgoing current president is Tiffany Lamb and the incoming new president is Mary Kay Huff. They had a great outcome from the book sale. Donations over the holiday will not be taken from November 20-28 and December 18, 2021 thru January 2, 2022.

The first motion to adjourn: Joe Specht, and the second Motion: Dorothy Davidson

No Objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

The next scheduled Advisory Board Meeting is set for February 7, 2022, at 4:00 PM at the Main Branch Library.

Linda Camacho, Library Administrative Assistant

Clint Buck (Chair)
