



**MINUTES
WATAUGA LIBRARY BOARD
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Neal called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairperson Neal called roll

Kip Woodruff	Chairperson/Place 7 (Absent with notice)
Lindsey Neal	Vice-Chairperson/Place 1
Kristen Chapman	Secretary/Place 6
Pedro Rivera	Place 2
Anne Rodriguez	Place 3
Henrietta Egenti	Place 4
Whitney Isbell	Place 5

and

Malissa Munucci	Primary Council Liaison
Linda Proskey	City Secretary
Lana Ewell	Library Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Miner reminded board members to complete their cyber security training.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public testimony or comments were provided.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

1. Library Director's Report

Lana Ewell, Library Director gave the report. Director Ewell reported that things are proceeding well. Numbers are not quite at pre-covid, but the consortium has also

affected that. Programs are going well and have had excellent attendance. Barbara Goss and staff have done a great Job. There is progress being made in getting classes back. GED classes have been frequently requested and plans are being made to move them to the meeting room.

Vice-Chairperson Neal and Director Ewell discussed the impact of the new wave of Covid on the Library staff and the amount of open hours and volunteer staff available to assist in the staff shortages.

Member Isbell and Director Ewell discussed the number of books weeded in the report and Director Ewell explained the process and the oversight of the process. Member Isbell emphasized Director Ewells' statement that it was the Librarians, who all hold specific degrees, that make the final decisions in what books stay and what books go.

Vice-Chairperson Neal followed up on what happens to the weeded books. Member Rodriquez asked about the budget for the Summer Program and what percentage of the total budget that took. Director Ewell said she would email Member Rodriquez those specific numbers.

Further discussion was had over when adult programming was available and how that might be made more accessible to working members of the community. Director Ewell explained how the complications of hours and volunteers impacted that.

Member Isbell and Director Ewell discussed the status of e-materials and how the community has been using them and how that impacts Director Ewells purchasing. There has been a slow build in some areas and no use in others.

Vice-Chairperson Neal asked about the volunteer numbers and Director Ewell explained that there was perhaps an error in the numbers and how the adult volunteers had been significantly impacted by Covid.

2. Discussion on "Big Vehicle Day"

Director Ewell explained her decision to cancel Big Vehicle Day for 2022 with plans to bring it back next year. The construction on Whitley Road would block emergency vehicle access when Big Vehicle Day usually occurred. Plans to hold it earlier in the year in 2023 are being made so it won't be quite so hot.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2022, Library Advisory Board meeting.

Member Rivera made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Isbell seconded the motion Chairperson Neal called for a vote.

Motion carried 6- 0- 0- 0.

Ayes, Neal, Chapman, Rivera, Rodriquez, Isbell, Egenti,

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ACTION ITEMS

No action items where on the agenda

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

1. Vice-Chairperson Neal made a motion to discuss Big Vehicle Day returning in Fall of 2022. Member Isbell seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Lindsey Neal adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

APPROVED: this 13th day of September, 2022.

SIGNED: this 13th day of September, 2022.

APPROVED: Kip Woodruff /s/
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Kristen Chapman /s/
Secretary

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