



**MINUTES
WATAUGA LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kip Woodruff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with the following members present:

Kip Woodruff
Lindsey Neal
Kristen Chapman
Pedro Rivera
Ann Rodriguez
Henrietta Egenti
Whitney Isbell

Chairperson/Place 7
Vice-Chairperson/Place 1
Secretary/Place 6
Place 2
Place 3 (Absent with notice)
Place 4
Place 5

and
Arthur Miner
Andrew Neal
Linda Proskey
Lana Ewell

Mayor
Council Liaison
City Secretary
Director of Library Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

REPORT

1. Library Director's Report

Director Ewell reported that numbers are increasing despite Whitley Rd still being torn up. Patrons have been able to locate the library through the construction, and the Summer Reading Program has been going well. Programming for youth services has been well attended, with the A&M Roadshow and bilingual programs being noted as successes. July 31 will wrap up the program, giving the staff the month of August to prepare for the school year. Additionally, Metroshare directors approved the bylaws to become a 501 (c)(3) and have now been recognized by the state, making getting grants easier for different projects.

A local Girl Scout troop has shown interest in creating a personal care product cabinet in the library lobby. Director Ewell provided an article that explained how such things work well in other libraries. Member Isbell expressed concern that this could become an undesirable project for the staff to maintain. Director Ewell responded that more conversation could be had when the troop returns from summer break with more details and an action plan.

Trina Nosenzo also reported to the board regarding the process of her Masters in Library Science degree, intending to help the board and the public better understand the professional requirements of becoming a librarian. She explained some of her completed classes and assignments and how the degree path works. She noted that librarians are trained in information retrieval, public service, and collection development and maintenance, among many other areas that aren't immediately known to most of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no consent items.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Woodruff adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm

Approved: this 9th day of Sept., 2023

Signed: this 9th day of Sept., 2023

APPROVED

ATTEST:

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Kristen Chapman, Secretary

Kip Woodruff, Chairperson

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