



MINUTES

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
VELMA TEAGUE LIBRARY
7010 N. 58TH AVENUE
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301**

**DECEMBER 8, 2021
6:00P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Johnson, Chair
Timothy Ndavu, Vice Chair
Eva Ndavu, Board Member
Diane Kocur, Board Member
Bernice Harris, Board Member

Absent: Haydee KuKowski, Board Member
Lauren Snair, Board Member

Also Present: Michael Beck , Chief Librarian
Dawn Ferro, Administrative Librarian
Greg Kinder , Administrative Librarian
Esther Peneff, Administrative Support Specialist

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Approval of the November 10, 2021 Minutes

Board Member Diane Kocur made the motion, Board Member Bernice Harris made the second to approve the November 10, 2021 Library Advisory Board meeting minutes as written.

Motion approved 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD APPRECIATION STAFF RETIREMENT LETTER

Chief Librarian Beck stated that Kathy Curley had been with the City of Glendale for 22 years and the Board expressed its desire to give her an appreciation letter from the Library Advisory Board. After all signatures from the Library Advisory Board had been received, the letter will be mailed to her.

b. VELMA TEAGUE LIBRARY UPDATES AND TOUR

Chief Librarian Beck provided some historical background on the library, including that the Velma Teague library is the oldest library and was built in 1971. He thanked everyone for coming and introduced Velma Teague's Administrative Librarian Greg Kinder to the Board.

Administrative Librarian Greg Kinder stated that the library is named after the first librarian in Glendale, Velma Teague. Previous libraries were housed in various vacant buildings, but Ms. Velma Teague lobbied in the 1960's to have a library in Glendale. The library was built in 1971 and is 15,964 square feet. Ms. Velma Teague was told that the library would be named after her but, unfortunately, passed away before the library was completed. There have been several renovations throughout the years, most recently through a grant in 2014. The library received new carpeting, the interior and exterior were painted, public restrooms remodeled, ceiling tiles repaired, wiring clean-up work, and expanded the story time room. There are 14 staff members (librarians, security guards, volunteers) at the Velma Teague library. Administrative Librarian Greg Kinder stated that there are all types of programming such as story time, grow-play-learn, family craft, puppet shows, ghost scavenger hunt, teen holiday craft, grab-n-go craft, mystery book club for adults, know & crochet, and musical performances at the Amphitheatre. Administrative Librarian Greg Kinder started the walking tour of the Velma Teague library.

Chair Johnson stated that the meeting will continue after the tour.

6. CHIEF LIBRARIAN UPDATE

Chief Librarian Beck updated the Board of the following:

- LibCon (December 4)-saw over 800 registrants and another 350-400 people attended the programs held in the amphitheater. Approximately 1200-1500 people attended this event. The library had a registration table along with several local businesses, Parks & Recs., Economic Development, and a variety of exhibitors. LibCon originally started at the Main library and this is the second year it was held at Velma Teague. It was a successful event. Mr. Beck said that Administrative Librarian Greg Kinder and all staff did a wonderful job.
- Grants-Over \$600,000 in funding received over the last seven years from various grants such as Mobile Office-to-Go and Mobile Hot-Spots. The library has 6-10 active grant writers. Currently, grants are reviewed and submitted in December and January and in May they will find out if they were approved.
- Veterans Day Flag Ceremony (November 11)-approximately 60 people attended
- Channel 11-Media coverage on LibCon will be on City of Glendale's Channel 11, TV, YouTube, and Facebook

Chair Johnson asked if there were any questions.

Member Kocur asked if the grant funding for \$600,000 was received for one year. Chief Librarian Beck stated that it was received over the span of seven years.

Chair Johnson asked if there were any questions. No other questions

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Member Harris asked how it is going with the special needs programming. Chief Librarian Beck stated that he will get information for the next meeting.

Member Kocur asked if there can be a marquee outside so people know what events are coming. Chief Librarian Beck stated that the Heroes' location does have a marquee. Placement and sign ordinances are a factor, but he can check on it.

Chair Johnson asked if there were any questions.

Vice-Chair Ndavu thanked Administrative Librarian Greg Kinder for the tour.

Member Eva Ndavu thanked Chair Johnson for carrying us through this year.

Chair Johnson asked if there were any more questions. No other questions.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be held on January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room of the Main Library, located at 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, Arizona, 85302.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Library Advisory Board meeting minutes of December 8, 2021, were submitted and approved this 12th day of January, 2022.

Esther Peneff
Recording Secretary