

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MINUTES**

December 1, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held in person at Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Optional virtual: WebEx

Join from the meeting link

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Meeting number (access code): 2491 446 5562

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Paula called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Paula Vargas, Shannon Day, Patrick Waggoner, Hannah Poertner. Board members absent: None. Staff Present: Midori Clark, Karen Erdman (recording secretary).

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Paula motioned and Shannon seconded to approve the minutes from November 3, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ward Meetings

- Shannon attended Ward VI. The new interim police chief was in attendance and another person from the police department spoke about the number of beds in youth detention centers, car thefts, tag renewals and new apartments.
- Patrick attended Ward V (remote).

**IV. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

A. None at this time.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

A. None at this time.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS****A. Colorado Gives Day**

Colorado Gives Day is Tuesday, Dec. 6. People can donate to the Friends of the Aurora Public Library (FAPL). Last year's goal was to raise \$5000 and that was exceeded by raising \$6000.

This year's goal is to reach \$7000. The Donor Alliance gave \$2000 and a private donation came in for \$1000. ColoradoGives.org and search for Aurora.

Karen – speak to Abraham about creating something that can be shared.

**B. Council Meetings**

Paula opened a discussion regarding attending Council meetings in person vs. virtual attendance. Board members may attend either, check with individual Wards regarding virtual the option. Midori brought up the idea of developing a presentation for Board members to bring to the Ward meetings.

**C. 2023 Meetings**

The Board decided to keep the 2023 meetings on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meetings will be in person with a virtual option.

**VII. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

- A. Messages to Council (monthly library blurb; bullet points about what is going on in the library system)
1. December – Shannon
  2. January – Patrick
  3. February -

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR**

- A. General Update: Everyone is very excited about the 2023 Reimagine campaign. The benchmarks selected at this year's retreat are:
- a. 1.2 million checkouts
  - b. 500,000 library visitors
  - c. 200,000 program attendees

The libraries are going fine free on Jan. 3 which is an invitation to the public to come back and check things out. Expanded hours begin in January and everyone is hopeful for a big boost in attendance. Central and Tallyn's Reach will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mon. – Thurs., and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri. – Sun. The data for 2022 did not support new positions.

The 2021 library visits were 325,000 which is not close to the 1 million visits in an average year. Karen: have statistics for the January meeting. The 2022 data is not yet complete but appears to be trending to 400,000 visits.

Senator Bennett has earmarked \$2.5 million grant from the congressional spending bill for MLK Jr. Library. Once that money is approved, MLK Jr. will be the north Library with expanded hours.

**IX. UPCOMING WARD MEETINGS**

[Town Meetings - City of Aurora \(auroragov.org\)](https://www.auroragov.org/town-meetings)

- Ward I (Crystal Murillo) – Thurs., Jan. 26, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Moorhead Rec Center, 2390 Havana St.
- Ward II (Steve Sundberg) –Thurs., Jan. 19, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Central Rec Center, 18150 E. Vassar Pl.
- Ward III (Ruben Medina) – Wed., Jan. 4, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Aurora Municipal Center, Aurora Room, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy.
- Ward IV (Juan Marcano) – Thurs., Jan. 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Colorado Early Colleges, 1400 S. Abilene St.
- Ward V (Alison Coombs) – Tues., Jan. 17, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms
- Ward VI (Françoise Bergan) – Weds., Jan. 18, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., CAPSTC (City of Aurora Public Safety Training Center), 25950 E. Quincy Ave.

**X. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Collection of volunteer hours. Please send any hours you have volunteered for the board to Karen. Meetings, interviews, etc. all count for volunteer hours.

**XI. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next Library Board Meeting will take place in person at Aurora Central Library on January 5, 2023, at 6 p.m. with a virtual option. Please see [https://www.auroragov.org/city\\_hall/boards\\_commissions/library\\_board](https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/boards_commissions/library_board) for details.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Paula adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.