



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Library Board

Meeting Location:
City Council Chambers
at City Hall
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Apache Junction, AZ
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Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the posted meeting start time.

Thursday, January 9, 2025

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

A. Call to Order

President Borey called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

B. Roll Call

Present: 7 - President Borey
Vice President Barker
Secretary Fitzgerald
Boardmember Bigelow
Boardmember Meek
Boardmember Walters
Boardmember Perkins

C. Acceptance of Agenda

This was accepted

Board Member Bigelow moved to accept the agenda as presented. Board Member Meek seconded the motion.

D. Acceptance of Minutes for November 14, 2024 Regular Meeting

This was accepted

Secretary Fitzgerald moved to accept the minutes as presented. Board Member Meek seconded the motion.

E. Call to the Public

None.

F. Correspondence and Communications

None.

G. Librarian's Report

Director Harrison reviewed the monthly statistics for November and December 2024 and discussed some of the programs held during the holiday season. Also discussed were the library's home delivery service and the books-by-mail process. Statistical data comparison charts were reviewed for the calendar year 2023/2024. Board Member Bigelow requested that a 3-year span of statistical data be reviewed for this time next year.

Renovations have been completed for the public restrooms near the Friends of the Library

bookstore and for the youth bathrooms. AARP Foundation Tax Aide appointments begin February 5. Staff Development Day was a great success. The Maricopa County Corporate College provided a 3 hour training session on diversity, equity and inclusion as well as resiliency. Staff explored and established the library's core values in addition to revising the current mission statement to be implemented in next year's strategic plan. The afternoon session titled "Compassion Fatigue," was conducted by the city's Employee Assistance Program provider. Staff also participated in engaging activities, such as "Stuff a Plush."

Director Harrison provided an overview of the Library Reading Garden design. The garden will span approximately 5,000 square feet and will be fully fenced, with access available only from within the library. It is designed to preserve views of the Superstition Mountains and will feature a seed library demonstration garden, an amphitheater, shaded reading areas, paved walkways, dark-sky lighting, irrigation, and drought-tolerant plants. The project is scheduled to begin in February.

Director Harrison led a walk-through of the registration process for library events.

H. Old Business

I. New Business

1. [24-992](#) Discussion on promotion of library services and public registration process for upcoming events.

Director Harrison reviewed the library's current promotions and advertising tools. Board Member Fitzgerald suggested adding programs that we know have not had great attendance in the past to the FaceBook events. An email of the current promotions and advertising tools presented during the meeting will be sent to the board on Monday for their review and to allow for any feedback.

J. Requests for Future Agenda Items

President Borey suggested doing "meet and greets" with the staff and patrons.

K. Adjournment

President Borey adjourned the meeting at 7:20.

Judy Borey
President