

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Alex Knopp, Chairman; Ralph Bloom; Mary Mann; Taber Hamilton;
Patsy Brescia; Moina Noor; Janine Williams; Thomas Cullen; Tyrone
McClain

LIBRARY STAFF: Christine Bradley, Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Knopp called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and noted that members were in attendance as listed above and there was a quorum present.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments this evening.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12,
2019**

**** MR. BLOOM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 AS
SUBMITTED.**

**** MR. CULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mr. Knopp congratulated Mr. McCain on his recent wedding.

Mr. Knopp reported that the Library has been very busy the past few weeks with programs and thanked board members for attending.

Mr. Knopp suggested removing item nine from the agenda which he had included as a possible discussion on the revised schematics for the library expansion project and mixed use commercial development because revisions are still being discussed. He said that Ms. Casey has requested the discussion be postponed until the November meeting. He provided a brief update on the library expansion project and said that at the request of Mr. Knopp and Ms. Bradley that Stantec has presented another option which honors the First District's request that any library function would be held on the library existing land and the District's land and not be comingled with the adjacent commercial site.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Ms. Bradley said that 56 authors will be participating in Indy Author Day and it is a national event.

Ms. Bradley said Art in Text event and the artist are asked to make art work based on a poem and will be held on December 15, 2019 at 2:00PM.

Ms. Bradley said that on November 2, 2019, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony held for the Pop-Up Library and Cathy DeCesare and her husband have made a donation to buy all new children's books.

Ms. Bradley said that a pride bench has been donated from the Triangle Community Center.

Ms. Bradley said that she met with Mr. Jim Clark to discuss a concert series each Sunday in the month of March.

Ms. Bradley said that she has met with the IT Department to begin discussion with the fiscal year 2020/21 budget. Ms. Noor asked if the kiosks will be included in the request. Ms. Bradley said "yes" they will be requesting two.

Ms. Bradley said that Mr. Lamond Daniels has been hired as the new Director for Community Services. Ms. Brescia asked if he will be meeting the Library Board. Ms. Bradley said "yes".

Ms. Bradley said that she will be attending "Coffee with the Editor" at Hearst Media. Ms. Brescia suggested that is be held in the Blue Teapot Café

A. Statistics August 2019

The material is in the
packet.

B. Volunteers Luncheon

Ms. Bradley said that the Volunteers Luncheon will be held on October 24, 2019 at 1:00PM. in the staff lounge at the Library and that the Board members will be receiving an invitation.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposal from Ebsco Charging Stations (tabled at September meeting)

Mr. Knopp said that he had some concerns with the agreement based on the application but that Ms. Bradley has assured him that this company is a well-known Library vendor.

**** MR. HAMILTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WTH EBSCO CHARGING STATIONS TO SUPPLY FOUR CHARGING STATIONS.**

**** MR. BLOOM SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed this evening.

9. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSSION OF REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION OPTIONS CONCERNING LIBRARY EXPANSION INITIATIVES PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUS 1-200 (6) (D).

There was no executive session held.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF DIRECTORS MEETING

- ** MR. BLOOM MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- ** MS. BRESCIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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