

EDWIN A. BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2014

The Edwin A. Bemis Public Library Board met in regular session on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, in the meeting room at the library, 6014 S. Datura St. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT: Paul Bingham
Laura Hooper
Lois Howard
Lisa Ohlgren, Vice-Chair
Cathy Schwartz
Dawn Shepherd, Chair

THOSE ABSENT: Joseph Haynes, excused

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Brinkman, Council Member
Bruce Stahlman, Council Liaison
Tim Nimz, Library Director
Phyllis Larison, Deputy Director
Meredith Gipson, Recording Secretary

1. ROLL CALL

A quorum was determined present and the following business transacted.

**2. MINUTES
ACTION: APPROVED**

The minutes of the August 6, 2014 board meeting were approved as written.

**3. AGENDA
ACTION: APPROVED**

The agenda was approved as written.

4. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no unscheduled public appearances.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Prior to the start of the business meeting, Council Member Brinkman talked to the Board members about her reasons for proposing a branch library at Aspen Grove Shopping Center. Council Member Brinkman thanked the board members for inviting her to speak, and said that the idea for the library germinated during a conversation with the Aspen Grove manager who was talking about the challenges Aspen Grove is facing with leasing new stores. Ms. Brinkman had heard how successful the library is in Old Town Arvada, as well as the Arapahoe Library District branch at Streets of Southglenn, and hoped that a Bemis branch would be a win-win situation for the library and the shopping center. There was discussion about what would happen if Aspen Grove needed to lease the space used by the branch library to a store, whether investing the capital needed to start the branch would be worthwhile if the branch were only temporary, and if the board members supported the concept as a whole.

A MOTION to support the concept of placing an annex library at Aspen Grove in the proposed budget was moved by Board member Schwartz and seconded by Board member Hooper.

Ayes: Board members Hooper and Schwartz

Nays: Board members Bingham, Howard, Ohlgren, and Shepherd

Absent: Board member Haynes

MOTION failed 2 to 4.

A. Volunteer Recognition Lunch. The luncheon to appreciate the library volunteers is scheduled for October 22 from 11:30-1:00. The theme is "Our Volunteers are Royalty." There will be a presentation by Beverly Chico on royal headwear throughout history and the lunch will be catered by Strawberries. The library board will handle the decorations and assist with set up and clean up. Ms. Shepherd asked that name tags be made beforehand so there is not a crowd at the meeting room door waiting to get in.

B. Schedule Next Boardwalk. Ms. Shepherd asked the board members if they feel the Boardwalk is a valuable part of what they do and whether it should continue. Ms. Schwartz asked what happens at the Boardwalk. Ms. Shepherd explained that the board members sit at a table by the front doors and talk with patrons to get their comments and suggestions about library services. Usually, two board members work together during a two-hour shift. The board members discussed picking a day other than the usual Sunday to reach a different patron group. They decided on Monday, September 29 from 6:00-8:30 p.m., and set up a shift for each board member to work.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Larison talked about the upcoming programs: Antique Appraisal Fair, Library Card Signup Month, Halloween miniature golf in the library, Banned Books Week, and the Taste of Shakespeare. Ms. Larison mentioned that the Aging Well Resource Center had a soft opening on September 2, and will have a major grand opening on October 20. Ms. Larison showed the board members a sample of the new Book Club in a Bag collection that will be available for checkout to book clubs; each bag has multiple copies of a book title, an audio version, and a movie.

Mr. Nimz asked the board members review the board roster that was distributed and submit corrections to Ms. Gipson.

8. ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Schwartz apologized for missing the August meeting and requested that the emails announcing the meetings mention Bemis Library in the subject line so that she doesn't miss them.

Mr. Stahlman mentioned that the next Council meetings will be the discussions on the 2015 budget proposal.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Meredith Gipson
Recording Secretary