



City of Rio Communities Library Board Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Wednesday, March 01, 2023 5:30 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Chairman Caldwell called the Library Board meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Member White led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

- PRESENT: Chairman Bobby Caldwell, Vice Chair Merita Wilson, Secretary Lisa Tabet-Chavez, Member Rita White, Member Lisa La Mana, Member Deborah Benavidez.
 - Present: City Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon, City Manager Assistant Amy Lopez.

Approval of Agenda

- Motioned made by Vice Chair Wilson to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Member Benavidez. With a unanimous vote the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes for Regular Library Board meeting 02/01/23

- Motion made by Secretary Tabet-Chavez to approve the minutes. Seconded by Member La Mana. With a unanimous vote the minutes were approved as written.

Moving the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between City of Rio Communities, the City of Rio Communities Public Library and the Amigos of the Library a Non-Profit Organization to City Council for approval

- Chairman Caldwell explained the agreement of the MOU agreement between the City of Rio Communities Library and the Amigos of the Library.
- President of the Amigos Lloyd Colson said that his board has not had time to go over the MOU.
- Chairman Caldwell said that board will not be able to make a decision and would have to table the MOU until the next meeting.
- Motion made by Secretary Tabet-Chavez, Seconded by Vice Chair Wilson.
Voting Yea: Chair Caldwell, Vice Chair Wilson, Secretary Tabet-Chavez, Member White, Member Benavidez, Member LaManna. With a 5-0 vote the MOU was tabled until the next Library Board meeting.

Public Comment:

- There were no public comments.

General Discussion Topic... Amy Lopez upcoming events in the Library and Makerspace

- Chairman Caldwell said that we have Amy here to talk about any upcoming events for the library and the maker's space.
- Amy Lopez explained that they are working with the Optimums Club to have a Lego camp during spring break. She further explained she is also working with the library to have some Lego activities like an Osmo reading program that will help Pre-K - 5th graders on how to read using computer games and that there are 30 laptops available to use for other activities during the summer.
- Member Lisa La Mana asked if the library board member would have a chance to also learn how to use the programs on the computers.
- Amy Lopez said that the board can come in and learn the programs if they would like.
- Chairman Caldwell asked for a time frame.
- Amy Lopez said that she would like to have an activity once a month for now and eventually expanding it twice a month.
- Vice Chair talked about the summer reading program and asked if it had to be on hold being we don't have the staff right now.
- Amy Lopez said that we can make the summer reading program happen.
- Chairman Caldwell asked how long the summer reading program would be if it would be an hour or two hours.
- Amy Lopez said about an hour or so and that the library would need volunteers from the library board to assist in the programs. The discussion continued.
- Vice Chair Wilson asked what day of the week works best for the board to come in and get training on the programs.
- Amy Lopez said that Wednesday is the best day of the week and continued to talk about activities they could do.
- Vice Chair Wilson talked about the financial cost of some of the things and further explained the state board will donate some things for free.
- Chairman Caldwell asked if there was a legal requirement on how many children to each adult.
- Vice Chair Wilson began a discussion on a schedule of June 7 to July 12 or June 14 - July 19 on Wednesdays at 10 am. The discussion continued.
- Vice Chair Wilson asked if I find out some information for library can I send a mass email to everyone.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained that she can send it to the city and the city will send an email to everyone.
- Vice Chair Wilson began a discussion about getting volunteers to help with the summer reading program. The discussion continued.

General Board Discussion/Future Agenda Items

- Chairman Caldwell explained that the next meeting we will further discuss the program with the children and the MOU.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chair Wilson. Seconded by Member Benavidez. With a unanimous vote the library board meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth F. Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Taken and Transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Bobby Caldwell, Chairman

Merita Wilson, Vice Chairman

Lisa Tabet-Chavez, Secretary

Deborah Benavidez

Lisa La Manna

Rita White