



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Library Board of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2024, in the Work Session Chambers, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

- Present:** Terri Chepregi, Chair
Adam Greenup, Vice Chair
Dorothy White, Board Member
Sarah Montoya, Board Member
Gwendolyn Daniels, Board Member
Susan Vaden, Board Member
- Absent:** Michael Degen, Board Member
Kristin Lucido, Board Member
Trellas Gotcher, Board Member
- Staff Present:** Karen Archibald, Library Director
Will Massey, Assistant Library Director
Kathleen Cizek, Public Services Administrator
Heather Coleson, Library Branch Manager
Miriam Magana, Librarian
Jessica Ransom, Librarian
Deanna McCauley, Department Coordinator II

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the Library Board minutes for the June 10, 2024 meeting.

Chairperson Chepregi motioned approval of the June 10, 2024 minutes. Board Member Montoya seconded the approval.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Testimony may be held until the item is considered or given at the beginning of any committee meeting. Invited testimony may also occur at any time, subject to a request of the Member of the Committee and with the approval of the Committee Chairperson.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. Capital Improvement Plan/Bond Program Updates

Update on library construction projects funded by the 2019 Bond Program and Capital Improvement Projects.

Director Archibald presented three topics of interest:

- The North Garland Library grand re-opening will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, September 6, 2024.
- The Central Library's construction is progressing to include framework installation for children's story time reading stairs and the pedestrian stairwell.
- West Garland has been framed and Library staff excitedly experienced a tour of the new facility.

b. TSLAC Grant Update

Update on the status of the grant Central Library staff applied for from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Texas State Library Archives Commission awarded Garland Libraries' Makerspace labs a \$75k grant, to cover supplies and materials, to assist with our goal of supporting the community's lifelong learning. Classes will be provided in English and Spanish.

c. Library Program and Services Update

Update on Library Programs and Services for the public: Library of Things and Central Library Community Art.

Library of Things program was designed to provide patrons with items they may need on occasion without incurring a permanent expense. Items such as decorative cake pans, text-to-speak pens, blood pressure monitors, scientific calculators, and more.

Director Archibald invited the Board to participate in decorating an art piece to add to Central Library's Community Art project.

d. Library Branding Campaign Update

Update on the launch of Phase II of the Library Branding Campaign: Faces of Garland.

Phase II encompasses Garland resident photos captured during 2023's Christmas on the Square. Look for many of the images on the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as on the Library's courier van.

e. Library Statistics

Review of monthly Library statistics.

Director Archibald presented May and June statistics to the Board and opened the floor for questions and/or comments. The Board had none at this time.

f. Partnership Opportunity with Parkland

Presentation and discussion on a new partnership with Parkland Health.

Parkland utilized awarded grant funds to partner with the City to provide increased video healthcare access to the community. Parkland will provide training, a computer with the health chart icons, and a Telehealth Pod which will be piloted at South Garland Library.

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Submitted By:

Terri Chepregi, Chair

Karen Archibald, Director of Libraries