



## **Zula B. Wylie Public Library**

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Cedar Hill, TX 75104  
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**MEETING MINUTES  
ZULA B WYLIE LIBRARY BOARD  
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022  
6:30 P.M.**

**Zula B Wylie Library Board Members Present:**

Dennis Brock, Lee Ruth Bryant, Dr. Deborah Cawthon, Elaine Cook, Jeanetta Dagley, Philip Edwards, Rebecca Guevara, Jazmine James, Joyce Kinney, Jenny Martinez, Jacquelyn Moore, Mary Sadousky.

**Zula B Wylie Library Board Members Absent:**

Christine Benson, Traphene Hickman, Kenneth Prettol, Darien Shelton

**City Staff Present:**

Zula B Wylie Library Director Aranda Bell, Operations Coordinator Correne Constantino, Executive Secretary to the Library Rachel Burke.

**Others present:**

Councilman Gregory Glover, Nadine Glover.

**I. Call the Meeting to Order:**

Mary Sadousky called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**II. Citizen Forum:**

Nadine Glover expressed how enjoyable the groundbreaking event was for her and her family and gives thanks to the entire library staff. She also wanted to recognize those who were involved in the Summer Reading programming this year.

**III. Approval of Minutes for June Meeting:**

Elaine Cook made the first motion to approve minutes from June's meeting; Rebecca Guevara seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Receive Update on Premier Library, Signature Park, and Trail Project:**

- Aranda Bell stated that it has been an amazing summer for the library and showed a slideshow of construction photos. "Let's Talk Cedar Hill" will be updated weekly regarding how construction of the new library is moving along. Balfour Beatty is committed to moving quickly. They will also be setting up a fence along the street at the site which will display the storyboard of how this library project came to be.
- The board has probably noticed the many trees that have been taken out of the construction site. A substantial number of trees will be repurposed as furniture and design elements to the new building. The rest will be mulched and used for different projects. Aranda Bell reminded everyone that 50% of this land will be kept as green space; this is very important to the library and to Cedar Hill.



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- The new library will be the first LEED-certified city building in Cedar Hill.
- Councilman Glover expressed how important this new library will be. It will set the tone of future growth and development in this entire city.
- Aranda Bell thanked the board for giving so much of their time and effort to help with the groundbreaking event. There were over 400 people in attendance, and everything went smoothly despite the extreme heat. The back of our event t-shirts had a quote from Harriet Tubman: "Every great dream begins with a dreamer..." and we are those dreamers.

### **V. Operations Update:**

- Today was the Summer Reading Program finale, with a concert from the Singing Zoologist. Aranda Bell spoke about what outstanding participation we've had this year and that it's largely in part to our dynamic staff and their planning. We saw a huge increase in attendance to our events from the past two years. People are moving to Cedar Hill and the library is happy to introduce them to the city any way they can.
- The library's digital circulation has increased by 42%, although print is still more popular. Our page is the second-most visited page on the city's website.
- Now that we are fully back to in-person, we will go back to presenting statistics beginning at our next meeting.
- The library's air conditioning is still being worked on. While it's warmer in the afternoons, staff will continue to hand out fans to patrons. Portable fans are stationed around the library to help cool everyone off.
- We have 3 Youth Tellers going to Utah in September for a national showcase. The friends are helping cover their travelling costs and we are very thankful. Traphene Hickman, Toni Simmons, and Chesley Randel (teen services) have kept this program going strong and their hard work shows in these kids' success.
- Please be aware, that council has changed the rule of attendance for board members. Now a board member can miss up to 25% off all regular meetings before being considered for removal. If a member is going to miss a meeting, please let Rachel Burke know as soon as possible.
- The library has several events coming up: Paradigm Shift Leadership Conference, Back to School Rally, LatinFest, and staff CRASE training.

### **VI. Friends Report:**

Elaine Cook shared the financial report from the Friends. The group has given \$1,500 to aid the three Youth Tellers on their trip. The Friends is also doing a pass-through check for the library's discovery garden grant. The new by-laws were passed last week; elections will be held in September. The Friends are participating in North Texas Giving Day this year. They will also be posting Facebook fundraisers throughout the year.

### **VII. Adjourn:**

Mary Sadousky adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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Mary Sadousky, Zula B. Wylie Library President:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

Rachel Burke, Zula B. Wylie Library Executive Secretary

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

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2021-2022 BOARD ATTENDANCE														
Member	Term Expires	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
Benson, Christine	2022	P	A	P	P				P	A	A	P		
Brock, Dennis	2023	P	P	P	A				A	A	P	P		
Bryant, Lee Ruth	2023	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	P		
Cook, Elaine	2023	P	A	P	P				P	P	P	P		
Hickman, Traphene	2022	P	P	A	P				P	A	A	A		
Moore, Jackie	2022	A	P	P	P				P	P	P	P		
Sadousky, Mary	2023	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	P		
White, Mary	2022	A	A	A	P				A	A	P	P		
James, Jazmine	2022	P	P	P	A				P	A	P	P		



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Prettol, Kenneth (ex officio)	2022	P	P	P	P				A	P	P	A	
Dr. Cawthon, Deborah (ex officio)	2022	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	A	
Guevara, Rebecca (ex officio)	2022	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	P	
Kinney, Joyce (ex officio)	2022	P	P	P	P				P	P	P	A	
Cullors, Nikki (ex officio)	2022	P	A	P	A				A	A	A	A	