

**Salem Public Library Advisory Board  
Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

A [full recording of the current meeting](#) is available.

Katherine called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Members present:** Gretchen Coppedge, Katherine Daniels (Vice Chairman), Bill Distad, Sarah Bishop, Callen Sterling, Francine Boullosa, Stephen Rosen, Denise Duren

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members absent:** Lois Stark (Chairman),

**Guests:** Carol Voeller (Friends of Salem Public Library), Michelle Teed (City of Salem Attorney), Diana (Teen Advisory Board), Arianna (Teen Advisory Board)

**Library staff members:** Sarah Strahl, Kim Carroll, Clarissa Maciel-Garibay

None.

**APPEARANCE OF  
INTERESTED  
CITIZENS AND  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

Minutes were reviewed for the April 14, 2021, meeting. Gretchen moved and Francine seconded that minutes be approved with the voted upon additions. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**INFORMATION  
ITEMS**

Teen Services Librarian, Sonja Somerville, and Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Member(s), Arianna and Dianna, provided an update on recent TAB activities. Sonja Somerville is leading an internal training called "Teens in the Library" as the library prepares to operate the new Teen Scene on the upper level of the library. The centerpiece of that training is a recorded discussion featuring six TAB members and moderated by TAB member Mihir Joshi. They discuss how teens relate to adults, how they want to be treated in the library, and other topics. Another TAB team met this month to start planning for a project they are calling "Take What You Need." They will be providing small personal items and brochures/information from local service agencies in the main floor bathrooms who may be short that day on an item could be useful. Items offered will include tissues, lip balm, socks or mittens, feminine products, and hand sanitizer. TAB is working on plans both for collecting donations of items and filling the holders as we settle back in the building. TAB is very grateful that there will be a chalk wall in the new space! Every time TAB or other teens have given input, the chalk wall was at the top of the list of things we wanted carried over from the old Teen Scene. TAB is also helping prepare for the Summer Reading Club, which will run from June 1 to August 31 this year. A TAB team is also planning and filming a promotional video for the Summer Reading Club around the theme "Reading Colors Your World." The team has figured out a great plan that showcases the artistic talents of our TAB members.

**TAB Report**

No Chair's Report was shared at the current meeting. Katherine shared Lois

**Chair's Report**

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has dissolved the LAB subcommittee after a conversation with legal counsel.

Sarah answered questions from the group regarding the April City Librarian's Report. The city librarian report is available in the April LAB agenda packet. The steering committee has been approved by city Council for the creation of the Strategic Plan. Sarah will work on the logistics to prepare for the first meeting.

**City Librarian's Report**

Carol shared a report on Friends of Salem Public Library activities. The Friends toured the Main library and are excited for the move back. The Friends store is doing well and has received many donations recently. The Friends did not have a meeting for May. The Friends of the Library Board will be actively recruiting to fill the 6 vacancies of the 11 member Board by September.

**Friends Report**

Gretchen shared a report on Salem Public Library Foundation activities. The Foundation did not have a meeting in May. The Foundation has been busy with the preparations for the art that will be moving back to the Main Library.

**Foundation Report**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Katherine shared that most of the language proposed by LAB to Our Salem is included in the draft to language to City Council. It now reads: Library Services Improve access to library services in neighborhoods through enhancements such as mobile and virtual programming, co-location of services with other amenities and additional branch libraries, City long-range planning staff have proposed an additional library policy for the "Our Salem" Comprehensive Plan. This new policy idea will be tested in the community and reads: Libraries as gathering spaces--Foster the evolving role of libraries as valued community gathering spaces. Denise moved and Francine seconded to move this motion to be an action item in the LAB agenda.

**Our Salem suggested policy idea (Katherine)**

Michelle reviewed and shared with LAB members Public Meeting Laws in according with City of Salem policies.

**Public Meeting Law Training (Michelle Teed)**

Francine shared there was meeting on May 13, 2021 with the library sculpture artist Amanda Wojick that is creating a sculpture for the shear wall at the Main Library. Amanda explained she is finished with the individual pieces that will be forming the sculpture. She is excited for the next stage in the creation of the sculpture. The sculpture is scheduled to be installed at the Main library on June 11, 2021.

**Update on Public Art Project (Francine Boullosa)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Gretchen moved and Denise seconded that the proposed new Our Salem policy also include a friendly suggestion for City staff to consider adding a reference to "inclusive and accessible" so that the policy could read: "Libraries as inclusive and accessible gathering spaces -- Foster the

**Our Salem suggested policy**

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evolving role of libraries as valued community gathering spaces" for the OUR Salem comprehensive plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**MISC BOARD ITEMS**

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 5:30 PM, via ZOOM. The meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m.

**NEXT MEETING &  
ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Clarissa Maciel-Garibay, Staff Assistant