

MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Emily Fowler Branch, March 11, 2019

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Emily Fowler Branch, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Jean Greenlaw, Laura Cantu, Amy Taylor, Kate Margolis, Sashenka Lopez, Ling Jeng

ABSENT: Deon Starnes

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker

GUESTS: Laura Douglas and Matt Davis, Mr. Waters, and Mr. Waters from Godfrey Associates, Inc.

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None present

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB19-020 Approval of the minutes of February 11, 2019.
Cantu motioned to approve. Margolis seconded. Unanimous approval.

B. LB19-017

Received a report and hold a discussion regarding Special Collections and Denton Municipal Archive services at the Denton Public Library.

Laura Douglas and Matt Davis reviewed 4 main collections:

1. Texas Collection- from cookbooks to architecture to county history
2. Denton Texas Collection- City history, handwritten diaries, DRC archives
3. Genealogy Collection- Denton based roots & for those researching roots elsewhere:
 - a. Online Research from home and in the library
 - b. Portal To Texas History- 2,280 items; 6000-7000 usages each month
 - c. Legacy Lab, Emily Fowler - digitizing documents, negatives, films, VHS
 - d. Classes/events, including Genealogy, Meet Up
 - e. Data: collection used 5983 uses 2017-2018
4. City of Denton Municipal Archives- from city departments; created uniform standards in an operating procedure manual; re-arranged staff area to develop a place to put collection; waiting on Facilities; online collection management software.

C. LB19-019 Received a report and held a discussion regarding the Library Master Plan. Mr. Waters and Mr. Waters of Godfrey and Associates, Inc. did a study with step 1 to determine where we are now. Anticipating significant growth in the population of city and county. Most important demographic cohorts are the young (0-18) and over 65. Predictor of high university use is educational level. 38% of city population 25 and up has at least bachelors or masters. Second highest predictor: 44.3% of city are households with children.

Demographics say strongly that this will be a great library city because of the demographics and the existence of two library university programs.

Mr. Waters (architect)- discussed the importance of library design to have clear sightlines to increase staff efficiency. They will look at the physical infrastructure of the library to discuss how to get to “modern library baseline.” They will give us ratings on library and identify deficiencies. “Key to the modern library is adaptability to future change and flexibility” for multiple uses.

They are investigating the need for a new library, perhaps on Bonnie Brae.

1.0 square foot per capita is an ideal number of square feet of library space in a community. ADA compliance but, in addition, planning for universal design.

Dr. Greenlaw suggested thinking about seating design intended to allow disabled people to get in and out of chairs.

Next step: ask the Board to individually set priorities (1-5) then x two of the items to eliminate. This will be collected from multiple groups.

D. LB19-016 Received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries. The last meeting approved purchase requests. Libraries have already received some items.

- Youth and teen books for DPL2go
- Children’s couch, love seat at Fowler
- Cushion seats at Fowler
- New seating at North Branch
- Stools and play castle to arrive at North Branch
- Interactive Panels were ordered for South Branch
- New books for summer reading will be ordered later.

E. LB19-015 Received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation. No change. Looking to schedule a meeting in April.

F. LB19-018 Received a report and hold a discussion regarding Denton Public Library receiving the 2018 TMLDA Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award. Only 51 libraries in Texas get this.

G. Greenlaw would like to discuss last month’s decision on holds and renewals with Ms. Bekker. They will schedule a meeting to discuss.

Margolis motioned to adjourn. Cantu seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42.

Respectfully,

Amy Taylor, Secretary

Sashenka Lopez, President