

# ALVIN LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## February 2, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Sandra Curtner, Jason Jones, Laura Parker

Members Absent: Marina Olson, Felicia Robbins

Library Staff: Lisa Loranc, Jennifer Hill

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandra Curtner at 6:05 p.m.

Swear in New Board Member – Sara Cruz swore in new Board member Jason Jones prior to the meeting

Review and Approve Minutes of the February 4, 2021, Board Meeting – The minutes were approved.

Brazoria County Library System Director Report – Lisa Loranc reported:

- Updates to Lake Jackson branch are now complete with a new circulation desk
- Several branches have added murals
- City of Sweeney is planning to refurbish the exterior of the library; interior is complete
- West Pearland's AV technology is being installed; staff hope to open the makerspace by Spring.
- FY22 – almost 590,000 people visited the branches; 430,000 digital items were accessed, and during the reading challenges, patrons read almost 2,900,000 minutes.
- FY22 – patrons saved \$15,382,936 by borrowing rather than buying or renting items
- County instituted a hiring freeze, but the court has given the library system blanket approval to fill all PT positions
- BrazCon 2023 has been cancelled due to space issues
- Library system is redesigning the website, which should be online before the end of February. Information Systems asked for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor to be used, to include municipal and government websites
- FY23 funding requests were approved with minor changes; initial request was reduced by \$65K at the request of the auditor's office; \$15K was from BrazCon
- Budget requests have been going down for several years
- Library staff is planning for the summer reading challenge
- End of February plan to present a 20-year vision for the library system
- Population growth is expected to rise by 300% with the Grand Parkway
- Friends groups build community support; funds for new library could come from a bond, MUD, etc.
- Land is needed for ET-J
- Judy Zavalla has stepped down from representing on the County Advisory Board. Commissioner Adams appoints; meetings are at noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The Foundation meets immediately after the Advisory Board meetings.

Alvin Branch Report – Jennifer Hill started in July

- FY22 had 49,580 visitors
- 19,934 patrons enjoyed the summer reading programs
- During the 3 seasonal reading challenges, readers read 2,890,195 minutes
- Branch budget impact was \$777,742
- \$1,280,754 – Alvin patrons saved, not including digital materials, online resources, or programming
- The DIY collection was revamped to the expanded Library of Things collection
- Jennifer showed the logo for the Library Centennial

Library Closures for Novemberfest and Home for the Holidays – Jason Jones motioned and Laura Parker seconded to recommend to the city council that the library be closed on Novemberfest and Home for the Holidays in perpetuity. Motion carried.

2023 Centennial Celebration

- March 25, 2023. Alvin library is the oldest branch

Items of Community Interest

- The Foundation author dinner is postponed to August

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by Laura Parker, Secretary