



City of Farmers Branch
Minutes
Library Advisory Board

Farmers Branch
Manske Library
13613 Webb Chapel
Farmers Branch, TX
75234

Thursday, May 8, 2025

6:00 pm

Manske Library – Innovation Zone

Regular Called Meeting called to order 6:00 PM

Presiding: Kristen Hansen

Present: Kathy (Lee) Alvoid, Zechariah (Zech) Thompson, Stacey Baker, John (Paul) Giolma

Absent:

City Representative: Heather Fuller (Library Director),
Susan Considine (VP of Operations (LS&S)),
Tara Bradley (Parks and Recreation)

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Library Board.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

25-347 Consider approval of minutes for April 10, 2025, and take appropriate action.

A motion was made to correct the spelling of Bradly to Bradley. Lee Alvoid motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, Paul Giolma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

25-348 Receive Trustee Report.

Lee discussed the progress of several bills related to public libraries, including one that prohibits minors from accessing sexually explicit materials in municipal libraries and another that questions the authority of public libraries to support the American Library Association. She also mentioned the use of AI in libraries, mental health initiatives, and the provision of access to the internet through hotspot checkout services. Additionally, Kristen shared information about a PBS documentary about public libraries and encouraged the board to keep an eye out for it.

25-349 Receive Patron Feedback

The board discussed the library's patron feedback, which was all positive.

25-350 Library Director's Report

Heather Fuller, Library Director, mentioned the upcoming summer reading program and the return of

the foam bubble truck. Heather highlighted the new computer system and the print release system, which simplifies the printing process. She also mentioned the upcoming programs in the Innovation Zone, including open office hours for the Maker Space, a monthly maker craft, and a Teen Science Café, for which we received a stipend to host the Stemfest for kids. The library is also working on the new fiscal year budget planning, which includes requests for a second ESL instructor, a new color copier, and additional security cameras. Heather also mentioned potentially using donated funds for a braille enhanced bilingual story walk in Rawhide Park, which would be a collaboration with the Parks Department and Envision Dallas. Stacey mentioned that the donated tissues from the teen tissue drive was very successful.

25-351 Receive an update from Board Members on programs, events, or facilities attended in the City of Farmers Branch.

Lee and Stacey attended the Events Advisory Board with the City of Farmers Branch. They discussed the evaluation of current events and the potential for hosting new ones. They emphasized the importance of considering the benefits and security needs of proposed events, as well as the potential costs for crowd control and safety. Lee and Stacey also suggested the idea of co-opting other city entities into events, such as the library creating book displays, to create a more inclusive and simultaneous experience. Lee also mentioned the lack of programs for families and older individuals. They also encouraged the team to share their ideas and thoughts on these matters. departments.

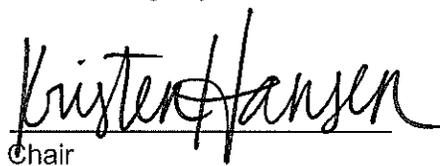
25-352 Discuss Agenda items for future Library Board Meetings.

The next meetings will be held June 11 and August 14. The board will take a break in July.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Giolma and seconded by Lee Alvoid. The motioned passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.


Chair


Recording Secretary