

THE ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OVITT FAMILY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
215 East C Street
September 13, 2022
(Subject to Board approval)

CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order by Board President Nancy Bumstead at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Gina Lanthripe, Board member

MEMBERS PRESENT Board members Crisol Mena and Elizabeth Ricci were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT Ann Lawliss

ALSO, PRESENT Library Director Shawn Thrasher, Library Services Manager, Daisy Flores, Library Services Manager, Library Services Manager Kelly Zackmann, Librarian, Danielle Sanchez, Senior Library Assistant, Patricia Edwards and City Attorney Henry G. Castillo.

INTRODUCTIONS

No Introductions

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made by:
D. Smith, Elizabeth Valdez and Marcie Garcia.

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Board member Gina Lanthripe, seconded by Board member Crisol Mena and unanimously carried to approve the August 9, 2022 minutes.

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

City Council Representative Debra Dorst-Porada was absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Board member Lanthripe, seconded by Board member Ricci and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar for August 2022.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Shawn Thrasher spoke about the following items:

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Very hot weather allowed for Ovitt Family Community Library to be a designated “cooling center” over the Labor Day weekend and even though the library is usually closed on Sunday, Library staff came in so it could be open. Over 100 people came in over that weekend and staff member in charge showed movies, served juice and water on Saturday and Sunday a library patron brought juice and water for everyone. Many of the attendees expressed their thanks and appreciation for this service. In addition, pets were also allowed and that is sometimes one of the barriers for people taking advantage of a cooling center and both days one pet was brought in.

STAFF REPORT

Teen Services: A Year in Review

Danielle Sanchez, Librarian presented and included details and slides covering:

- Programming
- Teen Surveying
- Outreach
- Collection Development
- Panels in Action (PiA) 2022
- Bookishly Yours (BY)

A copy of this presentation is available upon request from the Library Director.

STAFF REPORT

Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room: Year in Review

Library Services Manager Kelly Zackmann and Senior Library Assistant Patricia Edwards, at Ovitt Family Community Library gave an overview of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room over the past year which included:

- Collaborations
- Programming
- Outreach
- Upcoming Projects
- Staff

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OLD BUSINESS

None

Public Comment:

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Library Director Shawn Thrasher presented the Naming Request of Beverly Cleary for a children's room:

In July 2022, a local resident submitted a Dedication/Naming Request Form to the Library Director, Shawn Thrasher that asked the Library Board to consider recommending to City Council the naming of the Ovitt children's room for Beverly Cleary. Beverly Cleary was a City of Ontario resident in her early life and one of the most successful children's authors in history, publishing over 40 books and just recently passed away in Carmel, California in 2021 at the age of 104.

Formal proposal to name the children's room at Ovitt Family Community Library after author Beverly Cleary, the four choices submitted for the names are as follows:

1. *The Beverly Cleary Room*
2. *The Beverly Cleary Juvenile Readers Room*
3. *The Beverly Bunn Cleary Juvenile Readers Room*
4. *Beverly Cleary Young Readers Room*

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Public Comment

Val Carrick made a public comment in support of naming a room at Ovitt Family Community Library after Beverly Cleary.

Discussion ensued amongst Board members regarding which name to choose with all opining and asking City Attorney Carrillo about process for making a motion.

Motion: moved by Board member Ricci, seconded by Board member Mena and unanimously carried to approve that the Ontario City Library Board of Trustees recommend that Ontario City Council approve either one of the following names:

1. *The Beverly Bunn Cleary Juvenile Readers Room*
2. *Beverly Cleary Young Readers Room*

BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Mena thanked staff for their thorough presentation.

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Board member Ricci directed her comments to Senior Library Assistant Edwards and said she was hooked from the day she first was given the tour of the Model Colony Room and thanked her for the presentation.

Board member Lanthripe thanked staff for the presentations.

Board President Bumstead commented that of all the rooms, the Model Colony Room is her favorite room and said how much she appreciated all the presentations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Ricci thanked everyone for all the presentations and is looking forward to Director Thrasher's performance and costume at the Annual Cemetery Tour on October 8th.

Board member Lanthripe thanked staff for all the presentations.

Board member Mena also thanked staff for all the presentations and thanked Ms. Carrick for coming forward with the recommendation for naming the childrens room after Ms. Cleary.

Board President Bumstead also thanked everyone for coming to the meetings and speaking and sharing their opinions and thoughts and thanked staff for doing such a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bumstead adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted



Nelva Costello, Senior Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:


