

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MINUTES**

January 5, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held in person at Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Optional virtual: WebEx

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Meeting number (access code): 2491 446 5562

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**I. CALL TO ORDER 6:14 p.m.**

Paula called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. Board members present: Paula Vargas, Shannon Day, Patrick Waggoner, Hannah Poertner. Board members absent: None. Staff present: Midori Clark, Karen Erdman (recording secretary).

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Shannon motioned and Hannah seconded to approve the minutes from December 1, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 min.)**

No Ward meetings were attended. Paula will start reaching out to Council Members to present news and updates about the Library. Paula will begin scheduling meetings for February.

Karen: Set up a meeting for Paula and Midori.

**IV. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD (Each person has 3 minutes to speak).**

None at this time

**V. OLD BUSINESS (5 min)**

A. Ward Meetings – None at this time.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS****VII. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

Messages to Council

1. January - Shannon
2. February – Patrick
3. March –

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR**

The Library kicked off the ReImagine 2023 campaign. Central and Tallyn's Reach libraries started their extended hours on Tuesday, Jan. 3. It has been slow going, but it will take a bit of time for people to get used to the new hours. Aurora Public Libraries are totally fine free and that has gotten some media attention such as the Colorado Gazette and 9News. The Sentinel is coming out with an article, too.

The Great Give Back will be from Jan. 8 – Jan. 27. This is for anyone who has library materials at their home that have been accruing fines. They can return them with no questions asked and no embarrassment. Don't forget to sign up for the new 2023 ReImagine library cards.

A bit of bad news – a car drove into the Chambers Plaza Library on Jan. 5. They hit the building, into the office of the Supervisor, and ran off. No one in the library was hurt. The staff wants to move forward with the Grand Opening on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Focusing on library use this year. Wrapping up 2022 with great numbers. The library will end up with 1.3 million checkouts (or more) which is the highest number of checkouts in twelve years. 2024's goal will be 1.5 million checkouts. If that goal is reached, it will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number in the history of APL. Next month the Board will begin receiving monthly statistics reports which will include Circulation, Program Attendance and Library Visits. The library also tracks Computer Usage, New Library Card Holders and Overall Library Card Holders. The goal for Library Visits for 2023 will be 500,000. Hotspot checkouts began in November 2022 and are going well.

**IX. UPCOMING WARD MEETINGS (5 min.)**

[Town Meetings - City of Aurora \(auroragov.org\)](https://www.auroragov.org)

- Ward I (Crystal Murillo) – Thurs., Jan. 26, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Moorhead Rec Center, 2390 Havana St.
- Ward II (Steve Sundberg) –Thurs., Jan. 19, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Central Rec Center, 18150 E. Vassar Pl.
- Ward III (Ruben Medina) – Wed., Jan. 4, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Aurora Municipal Center, Aurora Room, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy.
- Ward IV (Juan Marcano) – Thurs., Jan. 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Colorado Early Colleges, 1400 S. Abilene St.
- Ward V (Alison Coombs) – Tues., Jan. 17, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms
- Ward VI (Françoise Bergan) – Weds., Jan. 18, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., CAPSTC (City of Aurora Public Safety Training Center), 25950 E. Quincy Ave.

**X. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (5 min.)**

- A. Volunteer Hours
- B. An idea was brought up to have the Aurora Scholars sign up for a new library card.
- C. There was a discussion regarding library districts vs. libraries as part of a municipality.

**XI. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next Library Board Meeting will take place in person on February 2, 2023. Please see [https://www.auroragov.org/city\\_hall/boards\\_commissions/library\\_board](https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/boards_commissions/library_board) for details regarding location.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Paula adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.



[Paula Vargas \(Feb 3, 2023 13:33 MST\)](#)



[Midori Clark \(Feb 4, 2023 08:29 MST\)](#)