



City of Rio Communities Library Board Meeting
City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd
Rio Communities, NM 87002
Wednesday, November 02, 2022 5:30 PM
Minutes

Please silence all electronic devices.

Call to Order

- Chairman Caldwell called the Library Board meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Marita Wilson.

Roll Call

- PRESENT: Chairman Bobby Caldwell, Vice Chair Merita Wilson, Secretary Lisa Tabet-Chavez, Member Rita White, Member Deborah Benavidez.
ABSENT: Member Lisa La Manna.
 - Present: City Manager Dr. Martin Moore, Deputy Clerk Lalena Aragon.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Vice Chair Wilson to approve the agenda as written. Rita White seconded it. With a unanimous vote the library board agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes for October 05, 2022

- Motion made by Secretary Tabet-Chavez to approve the minutes for October 05, 2022. Rita White seconded it. With a unanimous vote the minutes for October 05, 2022 were approved as written.

The Rio Communities Library Amigos update

- Craig Orsmon talked about the progress of the Rio Communities Amigos. He said they now have a PO box, he further explained that they were not able to start a 501c3 but they did start a nonprofit organization.
- Vice Chair Wilson asked if the library was open.
- Chairman Caldwell explained it hasn't been open for a while.
- Vice Chair said I haven't seen it on the website that it is closed. The discussion continued
- Craig Orsmon continued to explain what they can do as a nonprofit and the steps they need to take to become a 501c3.
- Chairman Caldwell asked if anyone found anything useful online to reference the 501c3.
- Member White said I found some stuff, nothing new.
- Craig Orsmon talked about promoting literacy.
- Vice Chair Wilson explained the different organizations to donate books to promote literacy like the prison and shelters ect.
- Vice Chair Wilson explained how the friends of the Belen library help the librarian to get funds for what they need. The discussion continued.

- Chairman Caldwell asked about having a liaison between the Friends and the Librarian.
- Vice Chair Wilson said that the Librarian will be the liaison. The discussion continued.
- Craig Orsmon talked about coming to the board meetings.
- Chairman said you are welcome, but all our meetings are not going to be about the Amigos.
- Vice Chair Wilson explained donations and how many they get at the Belen library.
- Chairman Caldwell talked about having a timeline on how often the Amigos should come to the board meetings. The discussion continued.
- Secretary Tabet said you can go to the Dolly Parton library and get some information.
- Craig Orsmon explained things they can do to make the library a positive attraction to the city and help with the development of the community.
- Chairman Caldwell asked who the amigos chain of command would be would it go through the library board or the city council.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained it would depend on what the situation was.
- Chairman Caldwell said I think the Amigos could come to us.
- Manager Dr. Moore explained that the city has a new law firm, and they can look over it as well.
- Chairman Caldwell talked about deciding who will be the liaison and decide the time frame of when the Amigos should come to the meeting.
- Craig Orsmon asked if the amigos got books donated can they store the books at city hall.
- Manager Dr. Moore said I don't have an answer, but I can get one.
- Vice Chair Wilson said let me clear this up we cannot add any more shelves in our existing library. How long will it be before we expand our Library.
- Dr. Moor said there is a plan in place, I can't say when it is going to happen.
- Chairman Caldwell asked when the library will be open.
- Manager Dr. Moor explained that the city is still working on the security of the building.
- Craig Orsmon asked when we will have a librarian.
- Dr. Moore explained that they will look at the budget in the next physical year that is in July. I suggested we put that on a future agenda item.

Public Comment:

- There were no comments.

General Board Discussion/Future Agenda Items

- Chairman Caldwell explained our next agenda should be MOU and the budget.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Member Deborah Benavidez to adjourn. Seconded by Secretary Tabet-Chavez. With a unanimous vote the library board meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth F. Adair, Municipal Clerk
(Taken and Transcribed by Lalena Aragon, Deputy Clerk)

Date: _____

Approved:

Bobby Caldwell, Chairman

Merita Wilson, Vice Chairman

Lisa Tabet-Chavez, Library Board Secretary

Deborah Benavidez

Lisa La Manna

Rita White