

**MINUTES  
CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS  
LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

September 22, 2020

Website - <http://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com>

**CALL TO ORDER**

5:06 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North,  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

**ROLL CALL**

*(Trustees attended the meeting virtually via telephone)*

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Chairwoman Tameka Henry  
Vice Chairwoman Launa Esparza  
Trustee Yvonne Berry-Johnson  
Trustee Martin Gomez  
Trustee Kristine Lockhart  
Trustee Linda Powers  
Trustee Cathleen Reese

**STAFF PRESENT**

Forrest Lewis, Library Director  
Chris Craft, Senior Deputy City Attorney  
Catherine A. Raynor, City Clerk  
Jessica B. Calma, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - BY INVITATION**

Trustee Kristine Lockhart

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public participation.

**AGENDA**

**1. APPROVE LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Trustee Gomez

SECOND: Vice Chairwoman Esparza

AYES: Chairwoman Henry, Vice Chairwoman Esparza, Trustees Berry-Johnson, Gomez, Lockhart, Powers and Reese

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. APPROVE LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2020. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION: Trustee Berry-Johnson

SECOND: Trustee Lockhart

AYES: Chairwoman Henry, Vice Chairwoman Esparza, Trustees Berry-Johnson, Gomez, Lockhart, Powers and Reese

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**BUSINESS**

**3. RATIFY LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,981 FOR THE FEDERAL 2020 CARES ACT GRANT-IN-AID AWARD. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Director Lewis explained that the grant will be used to purchase two full service Wi-Fi extenders to increase internet coverage at the Alexander and Aliante Library branches, including the parking lots. He stated that the grant will also be used to purchase 62 hot spots devices through T-Mobile for one year, noting the contract is still being finalized. He stated that the devices can be checked out for three weeks at a time and the service is expected to start in October.

Chairwoman Henry asked if the Wi-Fi coverage extends out to the parks. Director Lewis stated that the Parks and Recreation Division handles that portion, noting he will reach out to Neighborhood and Leisure Services Director Palmer regarding the matter.

ACTION: RATIFIED

MOTION: Trustee Gomez

SECOND: Trustee Berry-Johnson

AYES: Chairwoman Henry, Vice Chairwoman Esparza, Trustees Berry-Johnson, Gomez, Lockhart, Powers and Reese

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

#### **4. UPDATE ON LIBRARY SERVICES.**

Director Lewis provided the following in regards to Library staff work projects while the libraries are closed to the public:

- He shared that Library staff have been contacting North Las Vegas businesses to confirm if they were qualified for and received business grants from the CARES Act funds that Clark County provided to the City.
- He shared that Library Assistants I's have been training with Clark County to receive requests from North Las Vegas residents regarding housing assistance, which is a high priority since the CARES Act funds are required to be spent by December.
- He shared that Librarians and Library Assistants II and III's have been working on digital programs including the newest addition of bilingual story time on the Library's Facebook page. He noted that other various digital programs have been added to the City's YouTube webpage.
- He stated that the Library is providing non-contact curbside service, including grab-and-go craft bags for younger children.
- He stated that the eCard Library program has been expanded.
- He shared that the Library is working with digital service Hoopla to provide movies, television shows, comic books, and music.
- He shared that the Library is working with the City regarding the Southern Nevada Micro Academy to provide space at the Alexander and Aliante Library branches.
- He shared that the Library is working with the Parks and Recreation Division to provide a walking book display at the Nature Discovery Park.

In response to Vice Chairwoman Esparza, Director Lewis explained that the North Las Vegas Library District does not have the resources or enough staff to open up the libraries to the public.

In response to Trustee Powers, Director Lewis stated that the Silver Mesa is the main hub for the Southern Nevada Micro Academy but he believes they are still open for a lot of other various activities.

In response to Chairwoman Henry, Director Lewis stated that the Library has a database named Brainfuse where certified teachers provide free live tutoring for children ages one to ten that have a library card.

### **STAFF ITEMS**

#### **5. DISCUSS CONDUCT OF MEETING.**

City Clerk Raynor explained that the City Clerk's office has taken over the agenda management for all Boards, Committees, and Commissions for the past eighteen months and are trying to provide a great service for all members of the bodies, including providing the Chair with a highlighted agenda to help assist with in-person and virtual meetings.

City Clerk Raynor stated that a motion or a second to the motion is not necessary to adjourn the Library meeting and the Chair can adjourn the meeting if there is no further activity or discussions.

City Clerk Raynor noted that the bylaws have not been updated in some time and stated that staff could agendize a discussion on the bylaws for the Board to review in the future.

### **BOARD ITEMS**

Chairwoman Henry provided event information for the Family Campout at Vegas Roots Community Garden located at 715 N. Tonopah Dr., starting on October 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and ending on October 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public participation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

### **APPROVED:**

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Tameka Henry, Chairwoman

### **ATTEST:**

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Jessica B. Calma,  
Deputy City Clerk / Recording Secretary