

# MEETING OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF LA VISTA

## MINUTES OF MEETING January 9, 2025

Members Present:      Rose Barcal                      Regina Belik              Cindi Hearn  
                                 Connie Novacek  
Members Absent:      Huyen-Yen Hoang              Carol Westlund

### Agenda Item #1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

### Agenda Item #2: Announcement of Location of Posted Open Meetings Act

An announcement was made of the location of the posted copy of the Open Meetings Act for public reference.

### Agenda Item #3: Introductions

New board member, Regina Belik, was introduced.

### Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2024 Meeting

It was moved by Novacek and seconded by Hearn that the November 14, 2024 minutes be accepted as presented. Board members voting aye: Belik, Hearn, and Novacek. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Hoang and Westlund. Motion carried.

### Agenda Item #5: Library Director's Report

- a. Programs: highlights of programming were given.
- b. Employee update: The library accepted the resignation of evening GED Instructor Hannah Kasik. Tammy Kamin has been hired for the position.
- c. Library Meetings included BCDM providing a quote/proposal to take to city council for a FY26 budget amendment.
- d. General Library Information included Barcal's attendance at a regional library meeting in November. Barcal attended a city sponsored leadership training with the management team.

### Agenda Item #6: Circulation Report

Barcal distributed monthly circulation reports.

### Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Area Memberships: Omaha Children's Museum sign up for libraries is October.
- b. Strategic Plan Update 2024. There was no additional feedback from the Library Board concerning the library's Strategic Plan.
- c. GED Evening Sessions. The library is promoting evening sessions.
- d. Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium Ticket Program. The library received eighty tickets to distribute to library cardholders December through January.

### Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Grants

- i. Nebraska Library Commission: Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA): Infinity Loop 32" Game Table: \$1,000. Teen Librarian, Ashley Wemhoff, submitted a grant for a game table to encourage gaming in the library by all age groups. Wemhoff was notified that the grant was awarded with the amount pending LSTA fund availability.
  - ii. Nebraska Library Commission: Children's Librarian, Rachel Bachman, submitted a grant for outdoor spaces. She has received notification that the library was awarded \$816 toward a container garden which will include programming.
- b. State Report FY24. The annual library statistical report is due in February. A full report as well as a one-page summary will be provided at the next meeting.
- c. Library Board President and Secretary Positions for 2025. It was moved by Novacek and seconded by Hearn to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Novacek as President and Hearn as Secretary for 2025. Board members voting aye: Belik, Hearn, and Novacek. Nays: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Hoang and Westlund. Motion carried.
- d. Continuing Education Activities
  - i. Webinar. The webinar entitled NCompass Live: Nebraska Open Meetings Act: 2024 Overview and Update was viewed for fifteen minutes.
  - ii. Discussion was held. The agenda can have "Business" versus "old" and "new". These changes will take place for the next board meeting. Language in the agenda should be explanatory. Barcal will submit this time to the Nebraska Library Commission for the Board's continuing education requirements.

#### Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Floor

There were no comments from the floor.

#### Agenda Item #10: Comments from the Board

Novacek acknowledged the excellent customer service from library staff member, Barb Nolan, in immediately obtaining a copy of a book when the title was not currently available. Novacek also acknowledge the library staff members who assisted in provided a title she had requested for purchase.

#### Agenda Item #11: Adjournment

There was a motion by Hearn and second by Belik to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in conference room #142 at the La Vista Public Library.