

## **SUFFOLK LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 12, 2022**

#### **Board Members Present:**

Mr. Sean Bilby, President  
Mrs. Nancy Creekmore, Vice-President  
Ms. Jeanette Akujuobi  
Ms. Megan Corbett  
Mr. Lee Cross  
Mrs. Sharon Slate

#### **Others Present:**

Mr. Clint S. Rudy, Director of Libraries  
Ms. Shawna LoMonaco, ECDC Manager  
Mr. Bob Cox, Friends of the Library,  
President

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Mr. Jeffrey Benton  
Ms. Billie Joy Langston

- The meeting was called to order at 2 PM by Mr. Sean Bilby, President.
- Mrs. Nancy Creekmore made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting. Ms. Jeanette Akujuobi seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of 6-0.
- Mr. Bob Cox, Friends of the Library President, shared information about the Friends and specifically about their Store and the annual donation to the library.
- Clint S. Rudy, Director of Libraries, shared information about the proposed City of Suffolk 2022-2023 budget, which would provide an unprecedented 45% increase to the Books and Subscriptions budget. Approval is expected from City Council in May.
- Mr. Rudy shared information about the upcoming events and classes and other library information.
- Suffolk Literacy Council is at a critical juncture and a decision will be made regarding the future of the organization, including dissolution.
- Mr. Rudy shared an update on new Downtown Library process. As part of the design development stage, the floor plan is being finalized along with discussions on audio/visual, furniture, and security.
- The letters to the editor and promotional chats were discussed and would be revisited at the next meeting.
- Ms. Shawna LoMonaco, ECDC Manager, shared information about the Early Childhood Development Commission (ECDC) and the integration into the library.
- Fundraising for the new library was discussed and Mr. Rudy shared information about the plan to use the Suffolk Foundation as the fiscal agent.
- Intellectual Freedom was discussed with the review of a variety of documents about the topic from the American Library Association (ALA) and other groups. Challenges to a variety of books have occurred in school libraries and are beginning to move to public libraries and even book stores.



- The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 2 PM in the Chuckatuck Library Meeting Room.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM with Mr. Lee Cross making the motion and Ms. Megan Corbett providing the second and adjournment was approved by a unanimous vote of 6-0.