



## **SUFFOLK LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**July 19, 2022**

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

Mr. Sean Bilby, President  
Mrs. Nancy Creekmore, Vice-President  
Ms. Jeanette Akujuobi  
Mr. Jeffrey Benton  
Mrs. Sharon Slate

#### **Others Present:**

Mr. Clint S. Rudy, Director of Libraries

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

Ms. Megan Corbett  
Mr. Lee Cross  
Ms. Billie Joy Langston

- The meeting was called to order at 2 PM by Mr. Sean Bilby, President.
- Mrs. Sharon Slate made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting. Ms. Jeanette Akujuobi seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Clint S. Rudy, Director of Libraries, shared details concerning an increase of approximately \$25,000 in State Aid for the library. This was due to the General Assembly and Governor approving an increase for libraries.
- Mr. Rudy shared information about the approved City of Suffolk 2022-2023 budget, which provides an unprecedented 45% increase to the Books and Subscriptions budget. Other increases include for special events and supplies.
- Mr. Rudy shared information about the unprecedented increase in circulation for 2021 – 2022 and exceeding levels from before 2013. Upcoming events and classes and other library information were also shared.
- Suffolk Literacy Council was able to obtain funding from the City for two-part time adult literacy positions through December 2024. This allows the organization to continue operations and build a new framework for serving the community.
- Mr. Rudy shared an update on new Downtown Library process. The design development stage is complete and City staff are reviewing the plans with a cost estimate scheduled for the fall before the project is posted for bids.



- The 2022 – 2023 Strategic Plan was shared and discussed. Ms. Akujuobi made a motion to approve the plan as presented, with grammatical corrections. Mrs. Nancy Creekmore seconded the motion, and the plan was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Mr. Rudy shared preliminary details about the process for developing a new strategic plan for 2023 – 2024 and how the Board could be involved including sharing the process, focus groups, surveys, etc. with the community as well as helping to synthesize the information and develop the SMART objectives and strategic goals.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 2 PM in the Morgan Memorial Library Meeting Room.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM with Mrs. Slate making the motion and Ms. Creekmore providing the second and adjournment was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.