

# MINUTES

City of Dickinson  
**LIBRARY ADVISORY  
BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

The Dickinson Library Advisory Board met in a duly called and announced **REGULAR MEETING** on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009**. The meeting was held in the Community Room of the Dickinson Public Library located at 4411 Highway 3, Dickinson, Galveston County, Texas, and was held for the purpose of considering the following items:

**ITEM 1.) CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Chairman George Pulliam called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Winnie Allen, Margaret Carney, Ellie Childs, Matt Falco, George Pulliam, Jim Richard and Tom Rodriguez. Staff members present were Library Director Vick McCallister. A quorum was present.

**ITEM 2.) PUBLIC COMMENTS:** At this time, any person with Library-related business may speak to the Board. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board may not deliberate. **Comments from the public should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per individual speaker.**

Chairman Pulliam recognized Bill Kongable, and gave him an opportunity to speak to the Board by giving a brief history of the Library. Mr. Kongable has been a strong voice and instrumental in developing the Library before it became part of the City of Dickinson.

Mr. Kongable suggested that we make the Library the best as possible. Although the City is funding the Library, he suggested that the Board

- stay after them to keep the funding possible
- visit other Cities and see how they get support
- compare what each City spends on Library services
- learn where we stand in the County in comparison to the other Libraries
- have evidence to support our plea
- build community support

Chairman Pulliam invited Mr. Kongable to come back as an agenda item to have more than three minutes to give us a history of the Library, and how he can support for the Library Advisory Board .with his input.

**ITEM 3.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2009 Initial Meeting

All members received a copy of the minutes. An approval of the minutes passed as presented with no objections.

**ITEM 4.) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:** Selection of Board Members to Serve in Odd and Even-Numbered years

The following Board members will serve two years in EVEN numbered years:

Ellie Childs, George Pulliam, Jim Richard and Tom Rodriguez.

The following Board members will serve three years in ODD-numbered years:

Winnie Allen, Margaret Carney and Matt Falco

**ITEM 5.) BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING:** Orientation and Report by the Librarian

Chairman Pulliam asked all members to familiarize themselves with the duties of the Library Advisory Board by reading the Ordinance 678-2009, section 110-2 through 115, and the Texas Advisory Handbook by reading pages 1 through 16, before the next meeting. He said that if anyone needs a copy of the above, they may be obtained from the City Secretary.

Vicki McCallister showed everyone a copy of the handbook and gave a brief summary of Section 4 - Policies and Procedures. Ms. McCallister stated that the previous Librarian had a policy but no handbook. She has an outdated Employee handbook (March 2008) listing the employees and their duties. She stated that if she is ever unavailable, her staff would be capable of helping in their areas of expertise. The Library currently has two full time employees and five part-time employees. Ms. McCallister will try to get two more full times employees in the future

Ms. McCallister suggested that the Board consider quarterly reports to the City Council on the progress of the Library; call other libraries to see how their Boards operate; keep a list of what the Board thinks is important to the Library and the Library in the community; prioritize the list; and visit the City's website

Chairman Pulliam asked that be an item on the next agenda to visit other Advisory Boards.

Ms. McCallister offered the following information:

- *There's an Inter Library Loans system that is a national system that will try to find books on any subject where it can be available at local libraries.*

- Statistical information on Galveston County Library System known as GALCO – there are eight (8) libraries in Galveston County that part of the GALCO system (La Marque, Texas City, Santa Fe, Hitchcock, Galveston, League City, Dickinson and Friendswood).
- The Library was established in 1964 before the City was incorporated and started collecting funds. Bill Kongable will give history on the start of Library.
- Library Programs and Services includes: story time two times per week – will put out calendar/flyer soon
- Cost to use Library Community room requires a \$100 deposit (will get back), with a fee of \$55 for first hour and \$35 per hour for each additional hour
- There are currently 16 stations and nine computers

A tour of the library was given by Library Director Vicki McCallister.

**ITEM 6.) ADJOURN**

Since there was no further discussion, Matt Falco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ellie Childs, it carried by unanimous vote.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009.

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George Pulliam, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Winnie Allen, Secretary