

**Berkley Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024**

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Carol Hermann, Chair; Amanda Rohda, Vice Chair; Rita Van Brandeghen; Christina Grimm; and Margaret McGee, Board Members.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

I. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Approval of Minutes from August 21 Meeting

The Board approved the minutes as printed. Rita Van Brandeghen moved, Margaret McGee seconded.

III. Librarian's Report

The Library Director presented reports on Library Staff, building and grounds, and programming. Highlights of the report include:

- Successful Summer Reading Program, participation up from the previous year. Thanks to Vibe Credit Union and Berkley Masonic Temple for their support.
- Library is welcoming new staff and reallocating responsibilities.
- New "welcome back to school" titles in Youth Library.
- Installed a swinging gate to create a clear boundary for staff space.
- Friends meeting is September 23. Potentially supporting a book sale in early November with more information to follow.
- New HVAC system is scheduled for install. The installation will require a crane in the parking lot and may impact library hours of operation.
- Kit House tour is September 28.

IV. Old Business

- Circulation numbers remain strong.
- Wifi hotspots remain in strong demand.

V. New Business

- The Library Board welcomes Christina Grimm.
- Security camera project was approved. Will add three exterior cameras with wide views to cover parking lot and charging stations.
- Non-resident fee was eliminated.

VI. Update from City Council Liaison

- Council approved resolution to no longer allow carnivals in Berkley.
- Updating city ordinances for retail stores.

- City Manager search is progressing, meet/greet is scheduled for October 1.
- Council looking at changes to short-term rentals.
- Council agreed to close Dorothea at Coolidge to create a pocket park.
- Touch-a-Truck was a success.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

The next Library Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret McGee