

Kensington Park Library Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2019

Attendees: Jensen Chiu, Adeline Louie, Karen Miller, Mary Ellen Savarese

1. Meeting was called to order by Mary Ellen Savarese at 6:35PM attendees introduced themselves and discussed their roles and interests in the KP LAC. There was excellent conversation regarding the roles of the LAC, the Library Board and the Friends of the Library (FOL).
Minutes of the October 2018 meeting were reviewed, however, due to lack of a quorum, were not formally approved.
2. Reports:
 - Membership- Adeline Louie has applied for appointment to the KPLAC. She is interested in supporting library efforts to educate the community, all ages, about Climate issues and views the library system as a tremendous resource for this effort.
This LAC could use several more active members. Discussion followed.
 - Manager Report- Karen Miller gave a report on the construction and completion of the new Literary Garden on site which has been primarily funded by a donation of the FOL. Work should be completed soon, weather permitting, and there will be a celebration in the spring.
Karen introduced the attendees to newer library resources, "Play Away", smaller portable books on tape, and "VOX", picture and non-fiction books for children which can "read". Karen demonstrated these resources and answered many questions.
Facility issues- none outstanding or unsolvable.
Programming and services- The group complimented Karen on the excellent resource table in the library, as well as the monthly heritage displays in the new books section. The library is heavily used for many community programs as demonstrated by the current calendar of events.
 - Library Board Liaison - Jensen Chiu, representative from the MC Library Board reported on the successful February Library Lovers Month. The Board decided not to send letters to the County Executive regarding appointment of the acting Library Director, as discussed at the October KP LAC. The FY 2020 County /budget will be released March 15 and the Board is waiting to see if there are reductions to the library budget.
3. Old Business: Jensen further discussed the issue of individual LAC's sending letters to the County elected officials (e.g. regarding the Library Director), as that is a role for the Board. The Board must balance the needs/input from all branches. The local LAC has the role of gathering community input, sharing this with the Library Board via the appointed

liaison and giving feedback and support to the local library manager. The local LAC members can support library services and programs by sharing with their communities (newsletters, listservs, flyers).

4. New Business:

Continued discussion of need for 7-8 active LAC members for Kensington Park and how to increase community feedback on library programs. Ideas included Signage leading to a web survey, a “graffiti board” and additional participation at local events (Day of the Book, etc.).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next LAC meeting: Tuesday June 4, 2019, 6:30PM - 7:30 PM