

**Cozby Library and Community Commons
Library Advisory Board Work Session – 6/22/22
Six Questions**

1. Why do we exist?

- Bridge between community & library
- Be inclusive among different audiences
- Serve the community; library staff
- Oversight for staff/policies
- Represent public
- Stewardship to library
- Facilitate execution of strategic plan
- Charter language (advise, council library director on how to serve community)
- We exist so that the library will be welcoming to all residents of Coppel. We are the eyes and ears of the community, but we are a “double advocate” – both as an advising body for the library and an advocate for the community members.
- ❖ **We exist to advise the library on how to serve the community best.**

2. How do we behave?

- As advocates for the community
- A bridge
- Respecting everyone’s opinion/input
- Ethical, support intellectual freedom, professional
- Value the library and what it brings to the community
- Value the diversity of the community; seeking representation of the community; perspective and opinions
- Curiosity; commitment to excellence; creativity; role models
- Positivity; cooperation; acknowledge/celebrate/recognize library staff/programs
- Commitment
- We behave professionally and respectfully with open-minds and hearts.
- ❖ **We behave with integrity; we are professional and respectful with open minds and hearts.**

3. What do we do?

- Advise
- Advocate
- Promote the library
- Facilitate execution of the strategic plan
- Act as a bridge of communication (services, resources) between the library, city council and community
- Support library staff and programs
- Share information

- Review data
- Listen to/report feedback and concerns
 - ❖ **We serve Coppel by being a bridge for communication between the library, city council and the community.**

4. How will we succeed?

- Committed
- Present (programs, Friends, Board meetings, Council meetings)
- Having and implementing clear goals
- Teamwork; synergy with library
- Encourage other volunteers; identify and recruit other volunteers
- Leveraging the individual (skills, experiences, diverse backgrounds) strengths of the board while working together toward board goals and objectives
- Communication with library staff
- Staying committed with our purpose by using our individual strengths to implement goals
 - ❖ **We leverage individual strengths toward common goals and objectives**

5. What is most important right now?

- Partnering with the library staff to implement the 4 goals of the 2022 Strategic Plan
- Advise the library as they prepare for the upcoming planning cycle
- Promote the Friends of the Library
- Share library programs /services with the community
 - ❖ **Partnering with the library staff to implement the 4 goals of the 2022 Strategic Plan.**

6. Who must do what?

- **Youth advisors advocate for teen population**
- **Be active; show up to meetings (Council, Board, other?) and programs**
- **Presentation to Council re: Library Update**
 - **Library staff communicate regarding Council appearances**
- **Create clear goals and objectives for current and incoming board members; create clarity of purpose**
- **Chair work with Director to plan and implement monthly meeting**
- **Vice Chair serve as Chair as needed**