



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC) FINAL MINUTES

DATE: March 26, 2018

LOCATION: Main Library Brad Walters Community Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened Chairperson Barbero at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: 9

Susanne Perkins
Tyron Jordan
Nathaniel Dumas
Sarah McClung
Kerrick Goodman-Lucker Rosa
Montgomery
Lesley Mandros Bell
Victoria Barbero, Chairperson
Aurea Lewis

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: 4

Laura Liang
Reginald Constant
Rebekah Randle
Charles Sanchez

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Turbak, Interim Library Director
Rosalía A. Romo, Recorder
Facilitator: Andrea Mariano

1. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Barbero called for a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018. Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Perkins seconded the motion. All approved.
Votes: Yes – 9; Noes – 0; Abstentions – 0

2. Chairperson’s Commission Activities Report – Chairperson Barbero

- Was interviewed by a UC grad student doing a large study on city libraries and services.
- Attended NCPC meeting and talked about the library’s financial situation.
- Attended advocates meeting for Lake Merritt and talked about OPL.
- Announced Commissioner Ken Lupoff resigned early in the month.

3. OPL Staff Activities Reports

Director’s report highlights:

- The two AAMLO town hall meetings to collect community feedback re chief curator position were held last week and went well. 21 people attended on Wednesday night and 8 people attended on Thursday morning.
- Staffing changes – Xochitl Gavidia will be branch manager at Lakeview Branch. Michelle Rosenthal will be branch manager at Piedmont Branch. This creates a new vacancy of a teen librarian at Chavez Branch. We also have a Teen Supervising Librarian vacancy that we hope to fill in the next month. Introduced Mathew Berson, the new Public Information Officer II, for OPL.
- There will be a public forum for a mural proposal at Lakeview Branch on April 7, 11:30 am.

4. Open Forum/Announcements

Members of the public: Gerry Campbell, Jeanette Noble Maxwell, Robin Maxwell, Karen Oyekanmi, and Claudia Noble Levingston. (Corrected Ms. Karen Oyekanmi’s name on the minutes).

All of them attended the AAMLO town hall meeting, and voiced their concerns to the Commission regarding the recruitment process for chief curator, among them:

- Want to know if the public will be given opportunity to meet the final candidates. Staff will check with Personnel Department since this is a civil service process.
- Who makes the final decision to hire? Library Director does.
- Ensure that selection panel is diverse and reflects the African American community.
- Someone from the community should be part of selection panel.
- Important that person selected is African American.

Discussion followed. Interim Director Turbak reminded group that the Hawkins Group is taking the community’s input into account when preparing, advertising and conducting the national search. Community members can also send the names of organizations, colleges, individuals whom they think should be sent an announcement to Ms. Turbak to forward to the Hawkins Group. The Hawkins Group staff provided their contact information at the town hall meetings as well.

5. Develop Library Advisory Commission Strategic Plan for 2018

Facilitator Andrea Mariano, briefly went over the process in developing a new plan. Using as reference the 2017 Strategic Plan, the group reviewed the goals, which included:

- GOAL 1: *Establish long-term financial sustainability for Oakland Public Library and restore the sixth day of service at all branches.*
- GOAL 2: *Increase public awareness of Oakland Public Library programs and services, and accumulate potential YES voters for library-related ballot measures.*
- GOAL 3: *Maintain awareness among City Council, planners and residents of need for new Main in downtown Oakland; track community efforts to add branches.*
- GOAL 4: *Maintain LAC infrastructure to sustain a robust commission.*

Discussion followed, analyzing each goal and objectives/points. Keeping in mind that a lot of the goals hang on the result of the Library measure passage.

Other points of discussion included:

- Changing the term to a full 3-year term from date of appointment, and not to finish a vacancy's term
- Recruitment, select chair/vice chair, meeting attendance
- Provide copy of Roberts Rules.

Based on last year's goals outcomes, and current library related issues/situations, the Commission agreed on a new draft plan, which will be reviewed for approval and adoption at next LAC meeting.

10. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Turbak, Interim Library Director