



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC) FINAL MINUTES

DATE: July 30, 2018

LOCATION: Main Library Brad Walters Community Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chairperson Barbero.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: 8

Victoria Barbero, Chairperson
Rebekah Randle
Sarah McClung
Nathaniel Dumas
Cathy Smith
Rosa Montgomery
Susanne Perkins
Reginald Constant

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: 4

Lesley Mandros Bell
Tyron Jordan
Aurea Lewis
Andrew Racle

STAFF PRESENT:

Lana Adlawan, Interim Associate Director
Rosalia A. Romo, Recorder

Members of public: Refilwe Gqajela, Carolyn Moskovitz, Sean Reinhart, Alternier Cook, Ernest M. Johnson, Ada Chan, Mary Forte.

1. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Barbero called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 25, 2018. Commissioner Randle made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Perkins seconded the motion. All approved.

Votes: Yes – 8; Noes – 0; Abstentions – 0

2. Chairperson’s Commission Activities Report – Chairperson Barbero

- Focused on recruitment efforts. There are currently 3 vacancies and we expect to fill them in the next couple of months.
 - a. Committees Structure Review

The LAC currently has two Standing Committees – Sustainability and Outreach. Sustainability focuses on monitoring the budget and maintaining open communications with the Mayor and Council. Outreach focuses on public and Council outreach and advocating for the Library. The committees’ agendas often times overlap and both work very closely on similar items, including facilities issues. Given the passage of Measure D and the lack of attendance at meetings, Chairperson Barbero would like to discuss restructuring the committees.

After discussion, a consensus was made to:

- Keep committees to take on tasks
- Change meeting frequency to bi-monthly meetings
- Define goals to encourage attendance
- Discuss item at next meeting to allow more commissioners to give input and approve proposed recommendations.

b. Branch Libraries Adoptions Update

As part of their duties as commissioners, each commissioner adopts a branch to learn more about their library community, participate in library events, establish a rapport and be part of the branch’s Friends Group and communicate with staff.

The following branches have been adopted:

- Piedmont – Commissioner Randle (willing to switch branches)
- Temescal – Commissioner McClung
- Golden Gate – Commissioner Dumas
- Elmhurst – Commissioner Smith (previously under Commissioner Montgomery)
- Melrose – Commissioner Perkins
- West Oakland – Commissioner Constant
- Lakeview – Commissioner Barbero

Commissioners agreed to finish updating branch adoptions at next meeting.

3. LAC 2018 Strategic Plan Review

Since Measure D passed last June, it was agreed to update Plan to be more in tune with the Library’s plans as result of outcome. Strategic Plan was updated and there was a consensus to present Plan at the next LAC meeting for final approval.

OPL Staff Activities Reports

Director’s Report Highlights – Lana Adlawan

- With the passage of Measure D, Library staff is working on several projects, including hiring more staff for extended hours schedule to become in effect late fall or early January; expansion /replacement of public WiFi system; increasing material budget for all ages.

- Added a new summer reading platform – Beanstack – which was well received.
- Summer reading participation increased considerably this year: 2000 adults, 1000 teens, and over 10,000 children.
- Library Director recruitment is open and closes end of August. Hope to have a new director by the end of the year.
- Ms. Adlawan announced she has accepted a job in Sonoma County and is leaving OPL, her last day will be August 10th.

5. Commissioner’s Advocacy Reports

- Commissioner Randle: no report.
- Commissioner McClung: no report.
- Commissioner Dumas: Golden Gate is doing well, Jazz sessions on Sundays are well attended, and branch is planning centennial celebration in October.
- Commissioner Smith: no report
- Commissioner Montgomery: no report.
- Commissioner Barbero: Lakeview branch doing well. More teens participating in summer programs and have 2 teen volunteers at Branch. The community is divided regarding the mural plans and there will be a community meeting on September 1st to discuss plans. Continue dealing with ongoing problems with homeless around the branch area and parking on the grass.
- Commissioner Perkins: Attended the Friends meeting, who are helping with National Night Out; participated in the NCPC block party, and Day in the Park. The branch garden is coming along nicely. Complaints continue with abandoned cars and people blocking parking around the branch – especially a truck that has been parked since May in front of the branch with trash. Facility needs maintenance. Ms. Adlawan mentioned that staff continues to work with Public Works on this matter.
- Commissioner Constant: West Oakland branch participated in National Night Out; held two CORE classes (emergency response) to prepare residents for emergency situations. WO Friends Group raised over \$350 in book sales and used some of the money for hospitality for CORE classes. Last year the Friends worked with staff on a West Oakland photograph history project and are planning an event in the fall. Also planning a public forum to address concerns regarding a proposed Oakland A’s stadium at the DeFremery. Friends will participate in the Black Cowboys Parade 45th Anniversary on Oct 6th.

6. Agenda Building

- Strategic Plan Approval / Adoption
- Library Branches Adoption

7. Open Forum/Announcements

8. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Turbak, Interim Library Director