



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC) FINAL MINUTES

DATE: June 24, 2019

LOCATION: Main Library Brad Walters Community Room

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Mandros Bell called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 10 Lesley Mandros Bell, Chairperson
Viola Gonzales
Jessica Jung
Joseph Karwat
Tyron Jordan
Carolyn Moskovitz
Mary Forte
Cathy Smith
Alternier Cook
Amy Johnson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 5 Aurea Lewis, Vice-Chair
Nathaniel Dumas
Reginald Constant
Ada Chan (attending the Downtown Plan forum)
Caleb Smith (attending the Downtown Plan forum)

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie Turbak, Director
Rosalía Arteaga Romo, Recorder

Members of the public: Danielle MacKey

1. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Mandros Bell called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2019. Commissioner Forte made a motion to approve the minutes as recorded. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion approved by all.

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

2. Chairperson’s Activities Report – Chairperson Mandros Bell

- LAC Annual Report will be presented to the Life Enrichment Committee on June 25. Also presenting a report amending the LAC ordinance to include oversight of Measure D. Commissioners are encouraged to attend meeting.
- The City Auditor will conduct an audit during the first quarter of 2020, in response to the LAC letter requesting that the annual audits of Measure Q be conducted in a regular schedule at least every two years, and to inform Commission of audit schedule.
- Caleb Smith was appointed to LAC. He and Ada Chan are attending the Downtown Plan Community Forums.
- Handed out flyer “Why libraries are important” prepared by the Library Advocacy group.
- Nominations for Commission Officers for Chairperson and Vice-chair. Talked about the role of positions, prepare annual reports for Council presentation, require attending more meetings as needed with other community advocacy groups, participating in community events representing LAC. Commissioners are encouraged to consider nominations for officers. It could also be a co-chair effort. Chairperson Mandros Bell term ends June 2019.

3. Director’s Report – Jamie Turbak

- Fine-free for OPL starts July 1st. No overdue fines for library materials except tools. News received a lot of media coverage with over 15M shared links.
- On June 4, KQED Forum with Michael Krasny was broadcasted live from 81st Ave. Branch Library. Main topic: the future of libraries at staying relevant in the digital age.
- Budget Council meeting is taking place right now. \$400,000 Measure KK funds were added for Tool Lending Library, and the funding for a library feasibility study was put back in budget.
- There will be an informal reception to welcome Bamidele Agbasegbe-Demerson, new AAMLO chief curator, on July 20 from 5-7pm.
- OPL had a fun Twitter war with Toronto Public Library during the Warriors games.
- Summer reading is under way, giving away A’s tickets, summer lunch program (used to be sponsored by the Alameda County Food Bank) now OPL covers funding.
- Announced new youth poet laureate Samuel Getachew.

4. Meeting with Electeds Update

- Commissioners Jordan and Dumas met with CM Loren Taylor (District 6). Emphasized on the talking points, extended hours, Measure D, touched a bit on the need for a new main library. CM Taylor was very receptive, supportive and engaged. Good meeting.
- Commissioners Smith and Jung will be meeting this Friday with CM Fortunato Bas.
- Commissioners Chan and Forte met with Pat Mossburg, CM Larry Reid’s staffer in District 7. Shared new hours, programs, lots of information, talked a bit about the Main Library. Also mentioned Measure Q, and not having an audit every year. CM Reid has a monthly newsletter and commissioner asked him to put library information on it and he did. Talked about summer reading program, tool lending, and storytime at Elmhurst Branch. Plan to send information monthly to include in his newsletter. Good meeting.

- Commissioners Moskovitz and Dumas met with CM Kalb and one of his aides. Talked about fines free, budget, met right after the heatwave and talked about getting air conditioning for some branches, RR Mello Roos tax, thanked him for his support for a feasibility study, as well as the need for a new main library. CM Kalb was supportive and is a library advocate as well. He looked at the budget when addressing some of these issues. Good first meeting.
Director Turbak reminded that Measure Q sunsets in 2024 with plans to put it in ballot in 2022 for renewal. Measure D sunsets 2038.

5. Standing Committees Update – No meetings were held in May and June.

6. Commissioner's Advocacy Reports

- Commissioner Cook – no report on Asian. She plans to invite a member of the Asian Friends group to attend the Library Advocacy meeting. Hoover Durant held a street corner library at the Juneteenth Celebration, people signed up, gave away books and collected \$91 dollars in donations. Will participate in Friday Night at Hoover Elementary School on June 28 and July 26. Also met with members of the Oakland A's organization looking for funding. They got \$5000 once before. Thanked Commissioners Johnson and Mandros Bell for helping in power point presentation. Perhaps Hoover project can join Tool Lending in securing a location.
- Commissioner Moskovitz – Rockridge Branch is busy and closed during heatwave. Can Mello Roos funding be used to install air conditioning? CM Kalb mentioned that there is \$800,000 in Mello Roos funds and perhaps we could look into this for air conditioner. Director Turbak added that \$200,000 were approved for capital improvements and may be used for cooling systems at King and Elmhurst branches. Now we have Measure D for capital improvements, as well as Measure KK funds for libraries. Public Works has been working on the heating and ventilation issue at Rockridge (problem with mechanism).
- Commissioner Forte – Elmhurst good news got the quilts displayed through the end of September. Still having custodial problems not getting worked done. The lawn does not get trimmed. Garbage problem with pick-up (waste management) called for pick-up on Mondays when staff comes after 9.
- Commissioner Smith – no report.
- Commissioner Gonzales – no report.
- Commissioner Karwat – no report.
- Commissioner Jordan – no report.
- Commissioner Johnson – no report.
- Chairperson Mandros Bell – no report.

9. Agenda Building

- Invite City Auditor to talk about Measure Q audit report in early 2020, or whenever audit is scheduled to come out.
- Invite IT director to give presentation re technology budget and OPL IT support.
- Privacy & technology combine with IT presentation.
- July: bring ideas/input for discussion for a technology presentation at future meeting.
- Homeless at the libraries.

10. Open Forum/Announcements

Danielle MacKey, resident of Oakland, student, has two daughters. Users and supporters of OPL.

11. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Turbak, Interim Library Director