



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC) FINAL MINUTES

Date: September 28, 2020

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Location: Zoom video conference

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, all members of the Oakland Public Library (OPL) Advisory Commission joined the meeting via phone/video conference and no teleconference locations were required.

CALL TO ORDER: Co-Chair Dumas called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 11

Ada Chan
Alternier Cook
Angelica Valentine
Caleb Smith
Carolyn Moskovitz
Cathy Smith
Jessica Jung
Mary Forte
Mary Jo Cook
Nathaniel Dumas, Co-Chair
Viola Gonzales, Co-Chair

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 3

Amy Johnson
Tyron Jordan
Joseph Karwat

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Turbak, OPL Director
Diane Tannenwald, OPL Project Manager

1. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jung called for a motion to approve the draft minutes of July 27, 2020.

Commissioner Caleb Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Votes: Yes – 11; Noes – 0; Abstentions – 0

2. Co-Chairpersons' Report

- Commissioner Amy Johnson has resigned from the Commission
- Four Commissioners are up for renewed terms: Commissioners Dumas, Caleb Smith, Valentine, Gonzales
- A new Commissioner has been nominated: Mary Going. Council to vote on her appointment in October

3. Oakland Public Library (OPL) Project Manager Report: Feasibility Plan Updates

- Q&A regarding capital projects and feasibility plans

4. Oakland Public Library (OPL) Director Report

To: Library Advisory Commission

From: Jamie Turbak, Director, Oakland Public Library

Date: September 28, 2020

Re: Oakland Public Library (OPL) – Director's Monthly Report

General Updates:

- Coordination between OUSD and City of Oakland Environmental Services regarding “vaporized chemicals in the soil” at Acorn Woodland/Encompass elementary school, the property of 81st Avenue Branch Library.
- Coordination between OUSD and City of Oakland Real Estate regarding a joint-use agreement for the property at 86 Echo Ave that could serve as the Piedmont Ave Branch Library.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library is part of a \$400,000 TCC grant to expand and construct “The Shed” container for bike programming/repair in the parking lot/exterior grounds of the library.
- Monitored Alameda County Health Department recommendation for libraries. As of 9/24/2020, ACHD recommendations remain the same allowing “curbside” services only.
- Participated in emergency respite center for extreme weather (air quality) event, inclusive of Dimond Branch and 81st Avenue library.
- Thousand-pound marble statue of *Christopher Columbus as a Young Boy* removed from public area at the Main Library and put in storage. The art moving company said they are crazy busy removing statues of Christopher Columbus across the Bay Area.
- RFID tagging complete at 5 libraries. 12 libraries in progress.
- Extended an exciting job offer to Dr. Talia Guzman-Gonzalez for AAMLO. She will report directly to Chief Curator, Bamidele Agbasegbe-Demerson. Dr. Guzman-Gonzalez has worked for the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution and was a professor at the University of Maryland, Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center.
- Extended an exciting job offer to Kere Gonzales as Executive Assistant to the Director. She has worked closely with the Library Department in her former role at City of Oakland Human Resources. She is extremely organized and highly efficient and motivated.

Media and Public Services Highlights:

- Oakland Public Library History Center Librarian, Dorothy Lazard, featured in the Netflix series *Last Chance U* about the 2019-2020 Laney College football season. Officer Shavies from OPD is also featured. Everyone should watch this series. It covers relevant issues about Oakland in an emotionally compelling way. Beautifully done!
- [Be part of history: Oakland library launches COVID-19 community archive](#) - Oaklandside
- [5 options for stay-at-home fun in SF & Oakland: July 28](#) - Woodline
- [Oakland Public Library featured on KTVU, “Back to School Survival Guide”](#)
- YouTube of [American Library Association President, Julius C. Jefferson Jr., featuring Oakland Public Library.](#)
- KALW radio station featured OPL Supervising Librarian, Laura Liang, during a Crosscurrents podcast episode:
[How Librarians Are Keeping Kids Learning During The Pandemic](#)
- [Press Release for expanded library hours effective Monday, September 14, 2020](#): 16 library locations now open for sidewalk checkout 5-7 days per week and for longer daily hours

Oakland Public Library Programming:

- 9/23 League of Women Voters Ballot Pros and Cons (online)
- Starting 9/26, while supplies last, Papel Picado (craft project) packets will be available for patrons to pick up at King, Chavez and Elmhurst branches. Isela Anaya created a great video that shows folks how to make them.
- West Branch Library Oct 7-9: Distributing grocery bags to people participating the People’s Kitchen Collective Cook-Along Breakfast (Part of the Virtual Life is Living Festival)
- October 14, 6 PM (online) COVID 19 in the Fruitvale: A Panel Discussion on the Pandemic’s Impact on our Latinx and Mam Communities (En español)
- Veggie Rx Cooking and Nutrition Classes –Participants get a voucher for \$20 good at local Farmer’s markets. Series of 4 classes. First class October 28th: How sugar affects our body (just in time for Halloween)
- Ongoing: Virtual Lawyers in the Library (Tues, Thurs, Sat)
- Ongoing: Help for Renters with Oakland Tenants Union (every other Sunday)
- Ongoing: ESL club (Thursdays)
- Ongoing book groups: Adult nonfiction/fiction, Spanish Language, Women Bike, Oakland independent press, Dimond Short story read-aloud.

We also have some **cool videos** on our [YouTube channel](#)

- Resilient Gardening Programming Interest group has put together a video interview of Acta Non Verba and a tour of the Chavez garden, Info on Edible Herbs and Weeds
- Short how-to videos about the New Book List and about the NY Times Online
- Video recordings of past programs – Roots Eye View: A Story of Oakland in Trees, For The Advancement of Women: Women’s Clubs in Oakland, and an author talk/Panel on Billy Ball and the Oakland As.

4. Audit Report

- Assistant City Auditor said they should be able to report at the end of next month

5. Strategic Plan Discussion

5. Open Forum/Public Comment

6. Meetings with Electeds Update

7. Standing Committees Reports

8. Commissioner’s Advocacy Reports

9. Agenda Building

- Suggested topics
 - Re-elect Co-Chairs – November
 - Invite Interim Director of PWA to next Sustainability Committee
 - Annual Mixer – October
 - Race and Equity Team - November
 - Continue to Revise Strategic Plan - January

10. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Turbak, Library Director