



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC) FINAL MINUTES

DATE: February 26, 2018

LOCATION: Main Library Brad Walters Community Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was convened by Vice-Chairperson Racle at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: 10 Andrew Racle, Vice Chair
Lesley Mandros Bell
Sarah McClung
Laura Liang
Tyron Jordan
Nathaniel Dumas
Reginald Constant
Susanne Perkins
Aurea Lewis
Kerrick Goodman-Lucker

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: 5 Victoria Barbero, Chairperson
Rebekah Randle
Charles Sanchez
Ken Lupoff
Rosa Montgomery

STAFF PRESENT: Gerry Garzón, Director
Jamie Turbak, Associate Director
Rosalía A. Romo, Recorder

1. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairperson Racle called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2017 as recorded. Commissioner McClung made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dumas seconded the motion. All approved.

Votes: Yes – 10; Noes – 0; Abstentions – 0

2. Chairperson’s Commission Activities Report – Vice Chairperson Racle

- Informed that Chairperson Barbero has accepted to co-chair the library ballot campaign committee, along with FOPL President Kathryn Sterbenc.
- Council Members approved the measure ballot.

3. Endorsement of Library Tax Measure

The Commission prepared a Resolution of the Library Advisory Commission in Support of a Potential Library Parcel Tax Measure on the June 5, 2018 Ballot.

Vice-Chair Racle called for a motion/vote to approve the resolution as drafted. Resolution approved by the following vote:

Yes – 9; Noes – 0; Abstentions – 1 (Constant)

4. OPL Staff Activities Reports

Director’s report highlights:

- There is a technical action that Council will take at its meeting of March 6th regarding the parcel tax measure. There is a new state law, passed on January 1st, that requires certain language to be included in the resolution for state measures.
- Transition plan: The City Administrator appointed Jamie Turbak Interim Director. The timeline for the City Administrator to hire a permanent Library Director is unknown at this time, and for now, the following temporary reporting structure will be in place.
 - Lana Adlawan will be permanently reassigned as the project manager currently held by Mary Schrader. In addition, she has accepted an acting assignment for Associate Director.
 - Vacancies: teen services supervisor; recently hired a public information/grants manager filling this vacancy in Community Relations. Then will be in a holding pattern until a permanent director is hired.
- Staff will continue with the project MOVE, KK measure. Jamie will assume duties and continue working on the tax measure, moving forward with the recruitment for AAMLO Chief Curator and the public forums. Gerry will continue to work on the campaign.

Vice Chair Racle presented card and gift to Director Garzón. He acknowledged Gerry’s impact on the LAC’s involvement and collaboration in the Library, and working together with administration and advocates, making the Commission stronger.

5. Outreach Standing Committee Update – Commissioner Mandros Bell

- Drafted the LAC resolution in support of the Library Parcel Tax Measure; finalized Mixer date – Dec 2; will discuss strategic planning at next meeting.

6. Sustainability Committee Update – no meeting

- Commissioner Jordan agreed to co-chair this committee.
- Will review the strategic plan at future meeting.

7. Commissioner's Advocacy Reports

- Commissioner Lewis – AAMLO held various programs celebrating Black History Month with over 400 participants, including two local churches. Will invite more churches to attend future programs. Saw the movie Black Panther, which briefly showed Oakland. Commissioner Lewis is interested about a mentoring program for commissioners in a leadership role. Talked to Susan Anderson, AAMLO Interim Chief Curator, about meeting with community groups, and working in getting a friends group
- Commissioner Goodman-Lucker – Reported that 81st Ave. Library had windows broken and is waiting for repairs, branch is short staffed. Dimond Branch had irrigation problems, and a fan in the teen area can't be turned off. While on vacation in Chicago, visited the Northbrook Public Library and thought how much we need to acknowledge library staff.
- Commissioner Racle, had phone calls with Youth Leadership Council (YLC) members for potential internships and jobs, helping them with job searching. Invites commissioners to interact with YLC members, they are eager to be adults, and participate and find jobs.
- Commissioner Mandros Bell – upcoming Tool Lending Library workshop is toy making. Books recommendation: *Piecing Me Together* (Renee Watson). *The Fiery Heart* (Richelle Mead). *An American Marriage* (Tayari Jones)
- Commissioner McClung – no report
- Commissioner Jordan - adopted Martin Luther King Jr. branch
- Commissioner Dumas – the Golden Gate Friends meeting date changed, and he will attend next meeting.

8. Agenda Building

- March 26 – Special meeting to work on Strategic Plan
- April 30 – Measure Q report. Would like to review his report at the committee levels before presenting to LAC.
- Hotspots update.
- July – update on parcel tax and budget update.

9. Open Forum/Announcements

- Reminder to Commissioners to fill submit Form 700 conflict of interest - due April 1st.
- AAMLO Town Hall meetings: March 21 and 22 to collect community feedback re chief curator position.
- Claudia Noble Levingston, AAMLO volunteer, she along with other community members and friends volunteer at AAMLO during Black History Month programs. They met with Susan Anderson and their group wants to support the institution and include youth and other groups to participate. Ms. Levingston has heard comments from the community questioning why focus groups are being held at AAMLO, instead of a neutral place (Main). Also, they do not want the interim curator at these town hall meetings as it would seem as a conflict of interest.

Ms. Turbak replied that AAMLO was selected as the best venue for these meetings, which are public sessions that everyone can attend, including Ms. Anderson. Ms. Turbak explained the Town Hall meetings format, and there will also be an online survey available for the public to provide input and other concerns.

- Karen Oyekami, community volunteer, is concerned that AAMLO was closed on MLK holiday and no programs were held. For the past years, there was a series of movies showing all day, and suggested that program be rescheduled for April 27. Vice Chair Racle acknowledged both Ms. Smith's and Ms. Livingston's concerns re AAMLO and its programming. He clarified the role of the Commission - - the LAC is not the body to instruct staff what to schedule/plan programming, and cannot take action on this request.

Director Garzón added that these programs are planned six months in advance and Rick Moss, former Chief Curator, was not there to plan. Staff will keep this in mind for future planning.

10. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Submitted by: Jamie Turbak, Interim Library Director