

## Library Advisory Commission Sustainability Subcommittee - Final Minutes

**Date:** December 9, 2020

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM

**Commissioners in attendance:** Ada Chan, Mary Jo Cook, Cathy Smith, Mary Forte, Mary Going, Jessica Jung

**Commissioners absent:** Nathaniel Dumas

**Invited Speaker:** Richard Battersby, Assistant Director, Oakland Public Works Agency

**Members of the public:** Asada Olugbala

### 1. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes–

- I. Commissioner Forte moved to approve the November meeting minutes as drafted, Commissioner Chan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by Commissioners.

### 2. Oakland Public Works

- I. Mr. Battersby did not attend our meeting.

### 3. Action Plan Discussion

- I. Now that the Action Plan has approved by the full commission meeting November 30, 2020 the Sustainability Committee plans to delegate roles to specific members.
  - i. Commissioners Chan and Forte will maintain relationships with Public Works to monitor the progress of the feasibility plan and the outstanding maintenance issues.
  - ii. Commissioner Cathy Smith will follow-up with the Friends of OPL to establish a timeline for the actions needed leading up to the 2022 ballot measure.
  - iii. Commissioners Mary Forte and May Jo Cook will track and manage the talking points for communication with elected officials.
  - iv. No formal assignments were made for tracking key public meetings relevant to the committee’s work. Some ideas for meetings to track are: the Budget Advisory Commission, the City Planning Commissions, City Council, and the meetings for the Feasibility Studies once they begin.
    1. In the short term, Commissioner Mary Jo Cook will schedule a discussion with Councilmember Sheng to discuss city budget issues.

### 4. Open Forum

- I. Ms. Olugbala expressed her concerns surrounding the conversion of 81 Echo Avenue into a library location as opposed to opening as a functional child development center. She feels that certain populations in the public were not able comment at a recent 7-11 committee meeting. Existing systemic problems could be upheld and supported without a balanced conversation including these voices and could lead to the further disenfranchisement of minority groups within Oakland. Ms. Olugbala also raised concerns about the levels of financial support provided to OPL by Emeryville and Piedmont since both cities are allowed to use OPL services. All commissioners present would like to have more answers about this situation and Commissioner Going will contact Director Turbak and Janelle Montu Veresa to determine what is going on.

### 5. Agenda Building for the Sustainability Committee:

- I. January 2021 – Invite Calvin Hao from OPW to provide an update on the feasibility studies.

- II. February 2021 – invite FOPL to come speak about the timeline for getting a measure on the 2022 ballot for funding OPL.

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Commissioner Cathy Smith