



LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC) DRAFT MINUTES

Date: July 27, 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 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: 10

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 4

Mary Jo Cook
Amy Johnson
Tyron Jordan
Joseph Karwat

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Turbak, Director
Janelle Montu Veresa, Fiscal Officer

1. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Chan called for a motion to approve the draft minutes of June 29, 2020.

Commissioner Jung seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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

2. Co-Chairpersons' Report

Co-Chair Gonzales:

- Described concerns in the community about what it all means and how we might think about our strategic plan and how libraries are serving communities.
- Mentioned the article that Commissioner Chan shared
- There is interest and support for libraries and also how to be adept on our feet.

Co-Chair Dumas:

- He and Commissioner Jordan will speak at the next Friends and Stewards of AAMLO (SAAMLO) meeting to help address concerns about what is the future of AAMLO while it is not open to the public.

3. Oakland Public Library (OPL) Director Report

- July 13 - Sidewalk Pickup expanded to 3 library locations (Asian, Brookfield and Dimond). There are now 8 locations providing sidewalk pick up. As of July 23:
 - 36,287 holds placed
 - 19,490 items checked out
- July 15 - Food distribution began at Melrose Branch Library every Wed and Friday.
 - 275 meals on their first day of service!
- Food Distribution statistics:
 - 81st Ave: 22,943 meals as of July 20
 - Chávez: 12,946 meals as of July 16; Set a record with 1100 meals being served in one day!
 - Melrose: 975 meals as of July 22
 - Rainbow Rec Center: 8,300 meals as of July 21
 - Delivering to homebound seniors (Great Plates): 50,425 meals delivered as of July 21
- July 30 – Tool Lending Library will begin accepting returned tools.
- RFID Tagging Update:
 - West Oakland Branch complete
 - Asian, Lakeview, Main, Montclair and Rockridge are in progress
 - Brookfield, Eastmont, Temescal and Chavez
- Bill Russell, professional basketball player, contacted the Oakland History Center about donating to the Oakland Public Library. He's a fan of OPL and said he only wants a t-shirt in exchange.
- City of Oakland / Oakland Public Library will have the opportunity to explore a joint-use agreement with OUSD regarding an unused CDC building near 80 Echo Avenue. The vacant facility is adjacent to the current Piedmont Avenue Branch Library that is located in a trailer owned by OUSD on OUSD property. OPL currently pays a monthly fee to OUSD and this lease agreement ends in 2022. If a joint-use agreement can be negotiated

and approved by the OUSD Board and Oakland City Council, it would potentially allow the library to move to a bigger, more adequate facility on a long-term basis.

- Shortly after Bamidele Agbasegbe-Demerson was hired as Chief Curator of AAMLO, he was contacted by the manager for the African American Library and Research Center in Broward County, Florida, to involve the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO) in a \$150,000 national grant (IMLS). We found out on Friday that the grant has been awarded to The African American Research Library and Cultural Center to host a national forum called "Archiving the Black Web". The forum will focus on strategies for collecting and preserving Black history and culture online as well as building a support community for Black cultural heritage collections interested in web archiving. AAMLO will participate in this national dialogue to create the infrastructure and framework for the future of documenting the web presence of Black history and culture.
- AAMLO featured in an article in Conde Nast Traveler, July 23, 2020, "7 Black History Museums Across the U.S. Worth Visiting", by Sherly Nance-Nash
- Today, a 10-day Holding Space virtual tour kicks off at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. ALA President, Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., will meet with library leaders, state and local partners, elected officials, and other community influencers in cities across the country to listen and learn as well as elevate the innovative work of libraries. Oakland Public Library was selected as one of twelve libraries across the nation to be featured. On August 7th, you can hear the ALA president interview our amazing OPL staff about their "Youth and Family-Centered Practices".

4. OPL Fiscal Officer Report

Janelle Montu Veresa:

- PowerPoint presentation

5. Open Forum/Public Comment

6. Meetings with Electeds Update

7. Standing Committees Reports

Commissioner Moskowitz made a motion that Standing Committee meetings and meetings with Electeds be held via Zoom. Commissioner Forte seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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

8. Commissioner's Advocacy Reports

9. Agenda Building

- Suggested topics
 - Audit – end of September
 - Presentation from OPL Racial Equity Team
 - Equal Access / Bilingual Services
 - Library Literacy and Adult Literacy
 - Youth Services

- Strategic Plan - feedback
- Agendize the Feasibility Studies

11. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamie Turbak, Library Director