

Library Commission Community Engagement Committee –Draft Minutes

Date: September 23, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM by Committee Chair Commissioner Gabrielle Sloane Law.

Commissioners in Attendance: Brittany Rae Buckmire, Gabrielle Sloane Law, Cristina Tostado, Carolyn Jones, Anand Patel.

Commissioners Absent: Alternier Cook and Carolyn Moskovitz.

1. Public Comment/Open Forum

No members of the public were present. Public comment was closed.

2. Approval of July 2024 Draft Minutes

Commissioner Anand Patel made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Cristina Tostado. Commissioner Brittany Rae Buckmire abstained. All others in favor and minutes approved as published.

3. Review Action Plan

As part of the review of the Action Plan, Chair Gabrielle Sloane Law went through each of the proposed actions that were assigned to the Community Engagement committee. The goal was to ensure that each item aligned with the committee's goals and purpose to add/edit items where needed. There was discussion about each action and edits were made in various places. These edits will be forwarded to the adhoc committee member incorporated into the finalized action plan.

4. Draft Questions for Safety Manager

Chair Gabrielle Sloane Law gave an overview of the Safety Manager position in OPL. This will be the Safety Manager's first visit and introduction to the commission. In that context and during discussion, the following questions were drafted:

1. Are you developing a safety plan for natural disasters? Is this in your purview?
2. Where do you fit in the various city departments that are involved in Library safety? (OPL, MACRO, etc.)
3. Are you aware of the traffic safety issues impacting some of our branches, and are you working with DOT on these issues? (e.g., car that crashed into Temescal, concerns raised by Brookfield)
4. What do you need from us on the LC?
5. What specialized experience or training are you bringing into this role?
6. How are things going so far? Have you had any successes?

5. Draft Talking Points for Electeds

Chair Gabrielle Sloane Law stated that the goal is to finalize the talking points at the November meeting so that they can be used in 2025; particularly ahead of budget season. The following items were discussed:

- Continue to talk about the mission statement and restate our priorities.
- Introduce the new council members to the history of OPL's budget and maintenance of effort.
- Can Measure U funding can be used for Libraries? If so, let's add that to our asks. Commissioner Carolyn Jones will research this.
- Let's change our ask from "Protect the MOE" to "Restore and Protect the MOE".
- Talk about general maintenance and upkeep; specifically, prioritizing OPL in Public Works.

Brittany Rae Buckmire will update the talking points to incorporate the above changes. The talking points will be introduced to the full commission at an upcoming meeting.

6. Agenda Building

Survey Outreach

Tips and Tricks for New Commissioners

Elections (January 2025)

7. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kere Gonzales