

## Library Commission Sustainability Committee-Draft Minutes

**Date:** September 18, 2025

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Cain Simon

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Chiye Azuma, Mary Cain-Simon, Alex Weinberg

**Commissioners Absent:** Karen Zukor

**Staff Absent:** Kere Gonzales

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Public Comment:** no members of the public were present; public comment closed.

**3. Approval of the June 2025 Draft Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cain-Simon to approve the minutes as amended.

Commissioner Azuma seconded the motion. Commissioner Weinberg abstained. All others in favor and motion approved.

**4. General Plan Update**

Commissioner Cain Simon explained that she is the commission's liaison to the General Plan Update Committee. The General Plan is the City of Oakland's long-term planning for what the city will look like in decades to come. She went on to explain that the role of libraries is essential in this sort of planning due to their roles in public education and roles in the community.

Commissioner Cain Simon explained that the city has narrowed down their visions to three options:

Option A is a city of neighborhoods which would emphasize development in each neighborhood creating community centers.

Option B is the concept of connected corridors and gateways where the emphasis is on transit between neighborhoods making moving around the city faster.

Option C focuses on the Civic Center of the downtown area where the emphasis is on economic development and attracting industries to Oakland.

Commissioner Cain Simon asked the Sustainability Commission to think about these options and how libraries can continue to serve under each of these plans. She explained that the survey that was put out was to inform the planning process which would ultimately go to City Council.

Kere added that she would resend the survey to each of the commissioners.

Commissioner Cain Simon will give updates on the General Plan during her standing committee report at the full commission meetings.

**5. Action Plan**

The June 2025 version of the Action Plan is being notated by Commissioner Azuma and revisions will be submitted to Kere.

Commissioner Azuma requested for Kere to follow up with Director Turbak regarding the status of the Melrose, AAMLO, MLK Bike Shed, and Brookfield projects. She also requested for Kere to follow up with Calvin Hao regarding the feasibility study links. Both the Main and Hoover Durant pages have links that are broken and/or do go anywhere. Commissioner Azuma suggested that

perhaps the Google docs that were linked have been moved because almost all the links on both pages are broken.

Commissioner Cain Simon requested that Kere ask Jamie and Calvin if custodial workers can take a photo after completing work so the supervisor can immediately check whether work has been done and if it's done properly because they have marked items complete, but it wasn't done.

6. **Agenda Building**

General Plan

Action Plan

Status of Projects- Melrose, AAMLO, MLK Bike Shed, and Brookfield

Meeting Day for 2026

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.