
MEETING MINUTES

February 16th, 2022

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Vice Chair Jose Magaña, Commissioners Janice Allen, Elena Jolly, Ken Kelly, Hilary Thorsen, Angelica Ramos, and Patricia Mendoza

ABSENT: Commissioners Aaron Zisser, Pravir Ramtekkar and Michael Melillo

STAFF: Library Director Jill Bourne, Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Deputy Library Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat, Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin; Division Managers Jean Herriges, Vidya Kilambi, Michelle Amores, and Ann Grabowski, Senior Librarian Elizabeth Nolan, Librarians Megan Maloy and Eboni Harris, Community Programs Administrator Karla Alvarez, Literary Specialist Ofelia Medina, Senior Office Specialist Justin Sana

Others: City of San José District 8 Council Assistant Mariela Garcia, City of San José District 3 Youth Commissioner Nicole Hoang

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:00 PM via Zoom webinar. A quorum was achieved with 8 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the February 16th, 2022 Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 17th, 2021.

C. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 19th, 2022.

On the motion of Commissioner Jolly, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, the Commission voted unanimously to approve all items on the consent calendar.

III. Public Record: There was no correspondence for the Commissioner to review.

IV. Open Forum: No individuals addressed the Commission.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. **INFORMATION:** Youth Commission Announcements & Updates (N. Hoang)
The Commission received a verbal update on City of San José Youth Commission activities from District 3 Youth Commissioner Nicole Hoang.

B. **ACTION:** Adopt Annual Commission Budget Position Message to Council (A. Maestre/Sub-Committee)

On the motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the annual commission budget position message to council.

- C. INFORMATION: Digital Equity Efforts Report (A. Grabowski)
San José Public Library Division Manager Ann Grabowski provided a verbal report on the citywide Digital Equity efforts. Discussion followed.
- D. INFORMATION: Staff Spotlight of Ofelia Medina (K. Alvarez)
San José Public Library Community Programs Administrator Karla Alvarez presented to the Commission a highlight of Literacy Program Specialist Ofelia Medina. Discussion followed.

VI. Council Liaison's Announcements:

City of San José District 8 Council Assistant Mariela Garcia provided an update from Councilmember Arenas' Office.

- VII. Chair's Announcements:** Chair Mahaney-Gurahoo shared an update on FIRST 5 activities and expansion of resources for children and family well-being.

VIII. Library Director's Announcements:

Library Director Jill Bourne shared an update from the Library. The Library's Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregiver Support Network received an innovation award from the Urban Library Council. A testimonial for the program can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RAVQjlNEIg>

IX. Comments and Announcements:

- A. Friend's Groups Comments, Announcements and Updates: Commissioner Kelly shared an update from the Friends of the Bascom Library.
- B. Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners: No comments.
- C. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: Commissioner Thorsen provided the Commissions updates on SJPLF. The Foundation 2021 Annual Report can be found at <https://www.sjplf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/SJPLF-Annual-Report-January2022-FINAL.pdf>. View ceremony highlights from Career Online High School Graduation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPjJ2vyNpK4><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPjJ2vyNpK4>. Use <https://sanjose.abalancingact.com/2022english> to advocate increased funding for the Library.

X. Information and Upcoming Opportunities For Commission Participation

See SJPL Program Calendar at <https://www.sjpl.org/>

XI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

Commissioner Kelly requested a conversation about the engagement of the different friends group, procurement of Library collections material, and Speech and Debate program. Commissioner Ramos requested more information on the Women Returners

Workgroup.

XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular will be held virtually on March 16th, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

WENDI MAHANEY-GURAHOO, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION SECRETARY

ANN GRABOWSKI