I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Vice Chair Jose Magaña, Commissioners Ken Kelly, Hilary Thorsen, Elena Jolly, Aaron Zisser, Janice Allen, Deniz Westphal, Anarita Reyes, Kristen Brown, Patricia Mendoza and Angelica Ramos

ABSENT: None

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, Ann Grabowski and Michelle Amores; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Program Manager Anh Tran; Administrative Officer Andrea Maestre Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter; Sr. Librarian Rebekah Gonzalez; Librarian Megan Maloy

Others: City of San José District 8 Council Coordinator Mariela Garcia; City of San José District 1 Youth Commission Chair Gorden Chen

II. Consent Calendar – Item moved to the end of meeting.

A. Approve the September 21st, 2022 Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 17th, 2022.

On the motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Jolly, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the September 21st, 2022 Agenda and August 17th, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

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: Security (A. Tran)
The Commission received a report on Library Safety and Security. Discussion followed.

B. INFORMATION: Youth Commission Announcements & Updates (Youth Chair G. Chen)
City of San José District 1 Youth Commission Chair Gorden Chen shared that the Youth Commissioners Leadership Summit was held in District 5 at Hillview Library, over Labor Day weekend. The Youth Commission is working on a possible collaboration with San Francisco’s Youth Commission, to create a cohesive statewide movement for youth activism. Also, the Youth Commission is working with the Office of the City Auditor to create a Work Plan.

C. INFORMATION: Budget Overview (A. Maestre)
The Commission received a report regarding the Budget Overview for the Library Department. Discussion followed.

D. INFORMATION: Identify Ad-Hoc Committee to Review Bond and Audit (A. Maestre)
The Commission was informed about the Ad-Hoc Committee and asked who would like to volunteer to be apart of the Committee. Commissioners Ramos and Brown volunteered.

E. INFORMATION: Staff Spotlight: West Valley (R. Gonzalez)
The Commission received a report on the West Valley Library Branch Staff. 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. Vice Chair’s Announcements: Chair Mahaney-Gurahoo shared Family Friendly Neighbor Programming is doing well and proud of its achievements. Mayor’s Office asked Chair Mahaney-Gurahoo to do a piece on Childcare in the City, for the State of the City Address.

VIII. Library Director’s Announcements:
San José Public Library Director Jill Bourne shared information about the opening of 16 library branches, beginning on Sunday October 2nd, 2022, from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Each branch will have an event, for more information about branch activities, visit https://www.sjpl.org/sundays. Month of September is National Library Card Sign-Up month. SJPL has 735,000 card members. For more information on how to get a library card, visit our website www.sjpl.org/membership.
IX. Comments and Announcements:

A. Friend’s Groups Comments, Announcements and Updates: Commissioner Kelly shared an update from the Friend’s Groups for Bascom.

B. Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners: Commissioner Zisser attended the Hillview Re-Opening Event. Commissioner Reyes will attend the Grail Family Services (GFS) Annual Fundraiser Luncheon on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

C. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: Commissioner Thorsen provided an update on behalf of the Library Foundation. Information about the Foundation Board Meeting 35th Anniversary Gala. For more information visit https://www.sjplf.org/35th/.

X. Information and Upcoming Opportunities for Commission Participation

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

XI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

Report on all Commissioner requests for items added to agenda.

XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular will be held virtually on October 19th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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

ATTEST:
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

ANN GRABOWSKI