

MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2017

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Michael L. Snyder, Vice-Chair Pat McMahon, Commissioners José Magaña, Michael Melillo, Kristin N. Rivers, Ph.D., Hilary Thorsen, Thaddeus Aid, Daniel Newell, Sandra Jewett, Elena Jolly, Tiffany Uhri Chu, and Janice Allen.

ABSENT: Commissioners Giao Tran, Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo and Shailesh Dubale.

STAFF: City Librarian Jill Bourne, Assistant City Librarian Jean Herriges, Division Managers Michelle Amores and Vidya Kilambi, Interim Division Manager Chauncey Dunklee, Administrative Officer Jenny Choi, Chief of Staff Ann Grabowski, Senior Office Specialist Justin Sana, and Administrative Assistant Adriana York.

Others: Council District Three Youth Commissioner, Maren Bick-Maurischat.

Call to Order

The Library and Early Education Commission convened at 7:00 p.m. in SJPL Works at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. library.

II. Orders of the Day: Approval of the Agenda

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jewett seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried unanimously, the Commission approved the adoption of the November 15, 2017 agenda. (12 -0-3)

III. Consent Calendar

A. Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Magaña seconded by Commissioner Jewett, with the abstention of Commissioner Jolly who was absent at the October 18, 2017 meeting, the Commission approved the [Minutes](#) for the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2017. (11-1-3)

B . Correspondence: There was no correspondence for the Commission to review.

IV. Open Forum: There was no public testimony on the floor.

V. Discussion/Action Items:

- A. Commission Budget Activities Sub-Committee Appointment (Chair Snyder): the voluntary appointment of sub-committee with the purpose of preparing a budget statement to be sent to Council. A motion to adopt the following Commissioners to make up the Sub-Committee was made by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner McMahon with the abstention of Commissioners Rivers, Aid and Magaña. (9-2-3) The following Commissioners were appointed to the sub-committee: Commissioners Rivers, Aid and Magaña.
- B. Review of Library and Early Education Commission Retreat notes and [presentation](#) and [priorities](#) (A. Grabowski): A review of the special meeting retreat that took place on Saturday, October 28 and was facilitated by Kay Iwata of Iwata & Associates. The review of the Existing Library Department [work plan](#) was considered by the Commission and the Commission expressed their interest in supporting key Library programs.
- C. Legislative Update (A. Grabowski): The Commission received a verbal update on the City's Legislative Priority Setting Process and discussed the format of future legislative updates. The update was received and accepted by the Commission.

VI. Council Liaison's Announcements: not present.

VII. Chair's Announcements (Chair Snyder): No comments

VIII. Library Director's Announcements:

Music, Dance, Art & Culture! Celebrating and Recognizing Hip Hop's Contributions -

The San José Public Library celebrates Hip Hop History Month in November by offering a series of free events that illustrate how hip hop culture has influenced the local scene in San José, music, dance and the arts. A total of four showcases from several local artists who have taken their love of hip hop and turned their passion into professional careers will be hosted by the Library. These interactive experiences will educate, excite, and inspire people of all ages.

Fri., Nov. 3 - Learn the history of Funk culture and dance with Prince Ali.

Thurs., Nov. 9 – Learn [DJ'ing Techniques Bay Area's well-known, DJ Remedy.](#)

Thurs., Nov. 16 - [Internationally known street artist Mike "Bam" Tyau talks about his history and showcases his work.](#)

Thurs., Nov. 30 – [Musician & Producer Rey Resurreccion demonstrates his creative talents](#)

** All events will be held at TeenHQ and all ages are welcome*

SJPL Will Participate in The Hour of Code – The Hour of Code will take place during Computer Science Education Week from **December 4-10**. This is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in nearly 200 countries. There are **11 branches** participating, this year. Please visit the Library's homepage and click on the Hour of Code promo to see a complete list of participating locations and times.

The Maker[Space]Ship Celebrates its 1-Year Anniversary - Come celebrate a full year of the Maker[space]ship spreading STEAM education throughout San Jose. It is the Library's hope that all will join in the fun Holiday themed activity on **Saturday, December 9 from 11**

a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Tully Community Branch Library. All activities are first come, first served and space is limited inside the bus to 15 participants at a time.

Dia de los Muertos Sugar Skull Make-Up Contest & Celebration – Dozens of families joined the Hillview Branch Library for its 2nd Annual Dia de los Muertos Celebration on Wednesday, November 1. Families enjoyed a special storytime, a live Aztec dance performance and decorated sugar skulls. Also, thanks to the Mi Pueblo Grocery Stores, there was hot chocolate and sweet bread to enjoy, plus, three \$100 gift cards were donated for the winners of the best Dia de los Muertos makeup in the categories of: Adult, Teen and Children.

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

IX. Comments and Announcements:

a) Youth Commission:

The Youth Commission is made up of local youth advisory councils that represent each Council District and are currently working on the following programs:

- Through Teens Eyes – book made covering teen’s perspectives and variety of topics;
- AIMS talk;
- YAC Summit, focusing on diversity of youth;
- Ad-hoc teams making recommendations to City Council – focus on mental health and environmental issues.

b) Friends’ Groups Comments, Announcements and Updates:

- Commissioner McMahon attended the Berryessa Friends Group meeting and which had a sensational book sale. This book sale earned \$2,000. Tom (a member of the Almaden Friends Group) stated that they netted \$5,300 at the Almaden Friends Group book sale.
- Commissioner Rivers announced that she was accepted into the Emerge program (women leaders for a democratic future). She also was pleased to share that Saturday, the Edenvale Branch is celebrating their 10th Anniversary on 11/18.
- Commissioner Allen attended the Willow Glen Friends Group book sale on 11/10. She noted that it was very well organized. She was able to outreach to some young adults at the sale.

c) Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:

- Commissioner Newell met with Mayor Liccardo’s Office on the topic of workforce and economic development. Advocated for putting libraries first in workforce development. Also met with Council Member Jimenez on this topic and foresees some progress in the near future towards workforce development.
- Commissioner Magaña met with Vice Mayor Carrasco’s at her “cafecito”, (her coffee talk) and from there, was able to connect with representatives from Somos

Mayfair with staff member Erin Berman regarding their interest in the Bridge Library projects. He was able to raise some funds through the Evergreen/Eastside rotary group to support an event called “loteria” (bingo) for book purchases that will be collected towards the goal of setting up a Bridge Library in the area. Commissioner Jolly recommended that the First Book agency should be explored for support.

d) San José Public Library Foundation Board (Commissioner Newell):

Commissioner Newell provided a hiring update of an executive director for the Foundation. The hiring search committee will officially end tomorrow (11/16). No details are available, only that are very happy. A formal announcement will be made in January and an email update may be sent before then.

Jill Bourne mentioned how grateful the Foundation is for Commissioner Newell’s participation and support.

X. Information and Upcoming Opportunities for Commission Participation –

Future ideas:

- Commissioner McMahon inquired about an update on a maintenance issue follow up question provided at the Facilities Update given at the last Commission meeting. In response: Library Director Jill Bourne stated that this would be addressed in the Bond Update report at the January, 2018 meeting.

XI. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be January 17th at 7:00 p.m., Edenvale Branch Library at 101 Branham Lane East.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16 p.m.

MICHAEL L. SNYDER, Chair
San José Public Library
and Early Education Commission

ATTEST:
COUNCIL APPOINTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION SECRETARY

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