
MEETING MINUTES

June 21st, 2023

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Library Director Jill Bourne; Deputy Library Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat; Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Library Foundation Vice President Nicole Chitty; Division Managers Michelle Amores, Vidya Kilambi and Ann Grabowski; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Senior Librarian Candice Tran; Librarians Melissa Datu, Shih-Fa Kao, Ana Zinevitch; Library Assistant Mario Ponce; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter; Senior Office Specialist Ronnie Kammerdiener-Clapp

Others: City of San José District 3 Community Relations Coordinator Diego Martinez

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom webinar. A quorum was achieved with 9 Commissioners present in-person and 2 Commissioners present virtually.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the April 19, 2023, May 17, 2023, and June 21, 2023, Agendas.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of [March 15, 2023](#), [April 19, 2023](#), and [May 17, 2023](#).

On the motion of Vice Chair Magaña, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the April 19, 2023, May 17, 2023, and June 21, 2023, Agendas and March 15, 2023, April 19, 2023, and May 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

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

IV. Open Forum: No individuals addressed the Commission.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. INFORMATION: Staff Spotlight: Berryessa (C. Tran)

The Commission received a report on the Berryessa Library Branch.

B. ACTION: Election of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Officers (W. Mahaney-Gurahoo)

The Commission identified and voted on the Commission Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Discussion followed. On the motion of Vice Chair Magaña, seconded by Chair Mahaney- Gurahoo, the Commission unanimously voted for Commissioner Angelica Ramos to be Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. On the motion of Chair Mahaney- Gurahoo, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, the Commission unanimously voted for Vice Chair Magaña to be Chair Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Vice Chair Magaña abstained.

Public Comments: Paul Soto commented on nominated Commissioners.

C. ACTION: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Work Plan (W. Mahaney-Gurahoo)

The Commission voted to approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Library and Education Commission Work Plan Discussion followed. On the motion of Commissioner Ramos, seconded by Commissioner Allen, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Work Plan with the change of the meeting locations for the April 17, 2024, meeting and June 12, 2024, meeting.

Public Comments: Paul Soto commented on the work plan.

VI. Council Liaison's Announcements

City of San José District 3 Community Relations Coordinator Diego Martinez provided an update from Councilmember Torres' Office. Councilmember Torres adds any library updates to his newsletter.

VII. Chair's Announcements

Chair Mahaney-Gurahoo did not have any announcements.

VIII. Library Director's Announcements

San José Public Library Director Jill Bourne shared that the Annual City Budget was adopted at the June 20th City Council meeting. The City Budget annualized expanded Sunday hours and Digital Equity Programs. An increase for Security Staff was also included. Library fines for all seniors was set at \$5,000. Thanks to a generous donation, the San José Public Library now offers access to the digital historical archive of the San José Mercury News from 1900 to 1985 through Newsbank. The library announced the new service with the public yesterday on the Mercury News' 172nd anniversary. For more information, visit: sjpl.org/MercNewsArchive. Last Friday, June 16th, the San José Public Library unveiled its new Wee PlaySpace in the Children's Area of the Dr. Roberto Cruz-Alum Rock Branch. To celebrate, families were invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a special story time that was presented by District 5 Councilmember, Peter Ortiz. To Learn more about the space at: sjpl.org/WeePlayAR.

San José Public Library staff are celebrating Pride all month long by producing a series of informative blogs, organizing special displays, hosting events, and offering valuable resources, which can be found on the “LBGTQ+ Resources” web page. You can find all this and more at: sjpl.org/LGBTQ.

IX. Comments and Announcements:

- A. Friend’s Groups Comments, Announcements and Updates: Commissioner Kelly shared that the quarterly All Friend’s meeting will be taking place on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at West Valley Library Branch from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
- B. Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners: Commissioner Kelley presented a letter of support for the Library budget to all the Council Members and the Mayor. He attended the Mayor’s Budget Address at the Watermark Retirement Community. While on vacation, he met with the Library Manager of Washburn Library (in Minnesota). Commissioner Zisser to this time to address the Commission and staff, as this will be his last meeting. Commissioner Thorsen attended the Summer Learning event held at King Library.
- C. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: Commissioner Thorsen provided an update on behalf of the Library Foundation. There will be an Estate Planning Workshop taking place on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at Willow Glen Library from 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. to register, please visit bit.ly/LegacyLiteracy. June 10th was the Kristi Yamaguchi’s Family Literacy Festival, and it was a successful event. The Advocacy Committee is very appreciative of everyone who attended the Budget meetings, sent letters, or made comments on behalf of the Library and the new budget. Read to Raise is being offered, to help raise funds for the 2024 Summer Learning Program. Read to Raise will run through Jul 30th, 2024. There are prizes for participation. San José Public Library Foundation’s Dawn Coppin and Nicole Chitty were invited to the International Public Library Fundraising Conference, in Austin Texas from June 11, 2023 – June 13, 2023.

X. Information and Upcoming Opportunities for Commission Participation

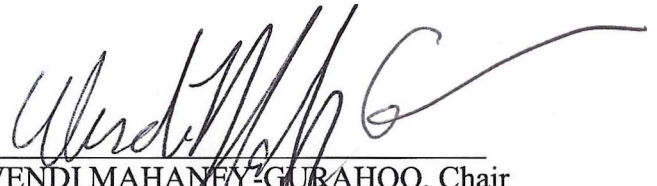
See SJPL Program Calendar at <https://www.sjpl.org/>

XI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas: None suggested.

XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on **August 16th, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at Pearl Library Branch.**

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.



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

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY



CASSIE HUNTER