
MEETING MINUTES
September 20th, 2023

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Jose Magaña, Vice Chair Angelica Ramos, Commissioners Coco-Nicole Banks, Deniz Westphal, Patricia Gardner, Ken Kelly, Kristen Brown, and Melanie Sellar and Anarita Reyes (virtually)

ABSENT: Commissioner Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Patricia Mendoza, Elena Jolly and Janice Allen

STAFF: Library Director Jill Bourne; Deputy Library Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat; Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin; Division Managers Michelle Amores, Vidya Kilambi and Ann Grabowski; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Administrative Officer Andrea Maestre; Librarian Megan Maloy; Community Programs Admin. Karla Alvarez; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter; Facilities & Security Operations Analyst Sal Telly; Senior Office Specialist Ronnie Kammerdiener-Clapp

Others: City of San José District 3 Council Assistant Bryan Reyes; Community Relations Coordinator Diego Martinez (virtually); City of San José District 3 Youth Commission Chair Deitra Hoang (virtually); San José State University Librarian Kathryn Blackmer Reyes; San José State University Professor Dr. Jonathan D. Gomez

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:02 P.M. via Zoom webinar. A quorum was achieved with 8 Commissioners present in-person and 1 present virtually.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the September 20, 2023, Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2023.

On the motion of Commissioner Ramos, seconded by Commissioner Brown, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the September 20, 2023, Agenda and August 16, 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: Youth Commission Announcements (D. Hoang)
The Commission received announcements and updates from the City of San José Youth Commission Chair.
- B. INFORMATION: Program Spotlight: Chicana and Chicano Studies, Collections & Eastside Dreams (M. Ornat)
The Commission received a report on Chicana and Chicano Studies as well as Eastside Dreams.
- C. INFORMATION: Budget Overview (A. Maestre)
The Commission received a report on the San José Public Library Budget.
- D. INFORMATION: Identify Ad-Hoc Committee to Review Bond and Audit (A. Maestre)
The Commission identified two members to serve on an Ad-Hoc Committee. Commissioner Banks and Commissioner Brown.
- E. INFORMATION: Bond Program Plan (S. Telly)
The Commission received a report on the Bond Program Plan.

VI. Council Liaison's Announcements

City of San José District 3 Council Assistant Bryan Reyes provided an update from Councilmember Torres' Office. Bryan Reyes will be taking over Library and Education Commission support from his colleague Diego Martinez. Councilmember Torres attended story time with Tiffany Haddish at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Councilmember also attended the Read through the Rotary Paint Party at Backesto Park. Councilmember Torres attended and spoke at the King Library 20th Anniversary. He was also excited about the Chicano Collection and Exhibit.

VII. Chair's Announcements

Chair Magaña will be moderating a discussion with authors Dr. Nancy Gutiérrez and Dr. Roberto Padilla, about their book *Stay and Prevail* on Thursday, September 21st at William C. Overfelt High School. Encourages Commissioners to attend.

VIII. Library Director's Announcements

San José Public Library Director Jill Bourne shared that today, September 20th, the San José Public Library and San José State University hosted the King Library's 20th Anniversary. Approximately **350** people packed the Atrium on the first floor of the King Library where State, County, City, and University leaders shared remarks with those in attendance. The San José Public also unveiled ten new limited-edition library card designs that include elements of the library's public art and installations. We invite you to visit sjlibrary.org to view photos of the celebration and share your favorite King Library memory. There are new exhibits at the King Library. San José Public Library proudly presents *Pinoytown Rising: Filipino Americans in Santa Clara Valley*. This exhibit focuses on the "First Wave" Filipinos who immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Santa Clara

Valley, specifically in San José's "Pinoytown" during the first half of the 20th century. Experience artifacts, historical photographs, and various materials generously loaned by the descendants of these pioneers. The exhibit is on display at the King Library's California Room (5th floor) through **November 30**, plus a special event with guest speakers is scheduled for **Saturday, October 14**. Get all the details at: sjpl.org/PinoyTown. San José Public Library also, proudly presents *World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration*, an interactive traveling exhibition that aims to expand the public conversation around the topic of human migration. Developed by the *American Anthropological Association* and others, the exhibit will be on display at the King Library (3rd floor) through **October 20**. San José Public Library is one of only fifteen libraries nationwide to host this exciting exhibit. More information at: sjpl.org/WOTM. We are also celebrating a few month-long celebrations and programs. The San José Public Library recognizes the contributions, culture, and heritage of Hispanic and Latin Americans. National Hispanic Heritage Month (NHHM) is celebrated annually across the nation from September 15 through October 15. To celebrate, SJPL is hosting a variety of programs for the public to enjoy. For over 35-years, the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the nation have joined forces to promote and increase the number of library card sign-ups during the month of September. A library card means having access to a massive collection of physical and digital books, tech devices, learning resources, and so much more! The San José Public Library thanks every single member of their library and encourages everyone to exercise their right to library by signing up for a free membership at a branch or online. For the third consecutive year, the San José Public Library is hosting its annual Fall into Fiction Contest through **September 30**. Entries will be published on the Library's Short Edition platform and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age category.

For more information about our month-long celebrations and programs, visit: sjpl.org

IX. Comments and Announcements:

- A. Friend's Groups Comments, Announcements and Updates: Commissioner Kelly shared that he visited Powell's City of Books in Portland, Oregon. This bookstore has a large rare and collectible books section, and the Friend's group receive a lot of rare and collectible books from donations, and they don't know what to do with them price wise and how to retail them. This topic will be discussed in the next All Friend's Meeting. Commissioner Kelly was able to meet with the Manager of the rare collections and collectible book and she will be helping with marketing of these books.
- B. Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners: Commissioner Kelley attended the King Library 20th Anniversary luncheon.

C. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: Vice Chair Ramos provided an update on behalf of the Library Foundation. At the August 24th Library Foundation Board meeting, Vice Chair Ramos was voted to be the Foundation liaison. Jennifer Lee, Attorney with Ares Management, is now a Board Member at Large for the Library Foundation. There was a presentation by Campaign Council, regarding the options for the Library Foundation to conduct a general fundraising campaign. To build permanent restricted endowment to ensure that the Library Foundation is able to maintain support for San José Public Libraries and perpetuity. The Board is going to consider whether to engage outside expertise for a feasibility study followed by a full campaign in 2024. The external auditors, for the Library Foundation, presented the 2022 final audit and tax filing. The Foundation raised over 12 million dollars. Largest amount to date. The Last of Authors Series will be held October 5, 2023, at Alum Rock 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 would like a presentation from the Youth Commission.

XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on **October 18th, 2023, at Edenvale Library Branch.**

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

JOSE MAGAÑA, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

CASSIE HUNTER