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MEETING MINUTES

August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Vice Chair Angelica Ramos, Commissioners Coco-Nicole Banks, Patricia Mendoza, Gerard Roney and Westley Baker

**ABSENT:** Chair Jose Magaña, Deniz Westphal, Anarita Reyes, Patricia Gardner, Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Melanie Sellar, Kristen Brown, Janice Allen and Elena Jolly

**STAFF:** Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Division Managers Michelle Amores, Vidya Kilambi, Jean Herriges and Ann Grabowski; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Program Manager Karla Alvarez; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter

**Others:** City of San José District 3 Council Assistant Bryan Reyes

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:02 P.M. A quorum was not achieved with 5 Commissioners present, and 9 Commissioners absent.

**II. Consent Calendar**

A. Approve the August 21, 2024, Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2024.

Action not taken.

**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:** Public Services Overview (M. Amores, J. Herriges & V. Kilambi)  
The Commission received a presentation on the status of the Library Department's Public Services operations. Discussion followed.

**VI. Council Liaison's Announcements**

City of San José District 3, Council Assistant Bryan Reyes, provided an update from Councilmember Torres' Office. Councilmember Torres had a few events, every Thursday the Pobladores Night Market took place. There were a few dumpster days in North San José

neighborhood and the Vendo Neighborhood. The Councilmember spoke at the conference for California School Employees Association. A Low Rider Day will be taking place at City Hall on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Viva Calle will be taking place on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Council District 3 will be having El Grito, celebration for Mexican Independence Day, on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, they will be celebrating San José State University as their Read Magazine won the third pushcart.

**VII. Chair's Announcements**

Vice Chair Ramos on behalf of Chair Magaña welcomed the newest Commissioners.

**VIII. Library Director's Announcements**

Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi on behalf of San José Public Library's City Librarian, Jill Bourne shared that Between June 1 and July 31, nearly **10,600** residents registered for this year's Summer Learning program, with more than **3,760** people completing the overall challenge of logging at least 8 hours or 8 books read. Readers this year logged more than **112,000** total titles and almost **3 million** total minutes read. The 16th Annual Graphic Novel Making Contest (GNMC) held from June 1st-July 31st ended with 194 entries submitted from 200 participants, an increase of 14% compared to last year. Entries were judged by SJPL staff and local artists. Winners will be announced at this year's GNMC Awards Ceremony, on Saturday, September 7th from 2-4PM at the City Hall Rotunda. For more information about the awards ceremony, visit: [sjpl.org/GraphicNovels](http://sjpl.org/GraphicNovels). Back-to-school season is here! At your San José Public Library, students, parents/guardians, and educators can access free resources to help everyone reach academic success. From books and tech devices to study rooms and tutoring, the library offers a variety of resources at no cost. Learn more at: [sjpl.org/student-help](http://sjpl.org/student-help). The Career Online High School celebrated its 11th graduation ceremony on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall Rotunda where 16 out of the 24 students who completed the program attended the graduation ceremony. If you are interested in learning more about Career Online High School, visit: [sjpl.org/cohs](http://sjpl.org/cohs). San José Public Library will be participating in this year's Silicon Valley Pride Parade on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about the parade, visit: [svpride.com](http://svpride.com). San José Public Library has partnered with globally known celebrity Chef and Author Martin Yan from the hit PBS television show "Yan Can Cook" to celebrate the Moon Festival at the San José City Hall Rotunda on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m. For more information, visit: [sjpl.org/MartinYanEvent](http://sjpl.org/MartinYanEvent).

**IX. Comments and Announcements:**

**A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:**

Commissioner Baker shared that he attended the Open Library event at the African American Community Services Agency.

**B. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board:**

Vice Chair Ramos shared the mid-year report from the San José Public Library Foundation. On September 21<sup>st</sup> the Foundation will have a signature author event at the City Hall Rotunda from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, with Martin Yan of Yan Can Cook. The Foundation Board retreat was held in June and went well.

- X. Information and Upcoming Opportunities for Commission Participation**  
See SJPL Program Calendar at <https://www.sjpl.org/>
- XI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas:** Data regarding people affected by the loss of hot spots.
- XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**  
The next regular meeting will be held on **September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Biblioteca Latinoamericana Library.**
- XIII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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JOSE MAGAÑA, Chair  
San José Public Library  
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

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CASSIE HUNTER