
MEETING MINUTES

August 16th, 2023

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Jose Magaña, Vice Chair Angelica Ramos, Commissioners Coco-Nicole Banks, Anarita Reyes, Patricia Gardner, Patricia Mendoza, Ken Kelly, Elena Jolly, Mahaney-Gurahoo, Janice Allen, Kristen Brown, and Melanie Sellar

ABSENT: Commissioner Deniz Westphal

STAFF: Library Director Jill Bourne; Deputy Library Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat (virtually); Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Library Foundation Vice President Nicole Chitty; Division Managers Michelle Amores, Vidya Kilambi and Ann Grabowski; Administrative Officer Andrea Maestre (virtually); Senior Librarian Chieu Nguyen; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter; Senior Security Officer Jose Villegas

Others: Assistant to the City Manager Laura Buzo; City of San José District 3 Council Assistant Bryan Reyes (virtually)

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:02 P.M. via Zoom webinar. A quorum was achieved with 12 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the August 16, 2023, Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2023.

On the motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the August 16, 2023, Agenda and June 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Commissioners Gardner and Sellar abstained.

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: Pearl Library (C. Nguyen)

The Commission received a report on the Pearl Library Branch. Discussion followed.

- B. INFORMATION: Children & Youth Master Plan Status Report (L. Buzo)
The Commission received an update from the City Manager's Office, on the status of the Children and Youth Services Master Plan. Discussion followed.
- C. INFORMATION: Public Services Overview (M. Amores/J. Herriges/V. Kilambi)
The Commission received a presentation on the Library Department's Public Services operations. Discussion followed.

VI. Council Liaison's Announcements

City of San José District 3 Council Assistant provided an update from Councilmember Torres' Office. Bryan Reyes will be supporting his colleague Diego Martinez, who has attended this meeting in the past. For an update: Councilmember Torres is back from recess like other council members. Councilmember Torres has attended a few library events including the Read through the Rotary Paint Party, that help build little neighborhood libraries, and did a story time with Tiffany Haddish at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Councilmember Torres is excited to continue a line of dialogue with the Library and Education Commission. Please reach out to bryan.reyes@sanjoseca.gov if you have any events you would like to promote or would like to discuss anything coming to council.

VII. Chair's Announcements

Chair Magaña acknowledged the Summer Reading Challenge. Chair welcomed the new Commissioners and thanked all Commissioners for participation in the commission.

VIII. Library Director's Announcements

San José Public Library Director Jill Bourne shared that more than 10,700 residents registered for this year's Summer Learning program, with more than 3,600 people completing the overall challenge of logging at least 8 hours or 8 books read. Readers logged more than 128,000 total titles and 4 million total minutes read. Participants in each age category who completed the program were entered into the grand prize drawing, with 125 winners being selected across the system. For a complete list of awarded prizes, visit: sjpl.org/summer. The 15th Annual Graphic Novel Making Contest (GNMC) ended on Sunday, July 31 with 158 entries submitted from 161 participants. Entries were judged by SJPL staff and volunteers. Winners will be announced live at this year's GNMC Awards Ceremony, which is taking place at the Seven Trees Community Center on Saturday, September 9 at 2PM. For more information about the awards ceremony, visit: sjpl.org/GraphicNovelContest. Your San José Public Library membership now gives you access to the complete digital historical archive of the San José Mercury News (1900-1985). San José Mercury News Archives was made possible thanks to a legacy gift in loving memory of Susan Renzel Carter, a San José native and library lover. Access the archive at: sjpl.org/MercNewsArchive. At your San José Public Library (SJPL), 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. As of this summer, students and residents living in

the Silver Creek High School attendance area can now connect to free Wi-Fi as part of the expansion of the SJ Access Community Wi-Fi network. The "SJ Access Free Wi-Fi" network is free and available to anyone within the coverage areas of the following eight East Side Union High School District schools:

1. Andrew Hill
2. Independence
3. James Lick
4. Mt. Pleasant
5. Oak Grove
6. Overfelt
7. Silver Creek (NEW!)
8. Yerba Buena

Learn more at: sjpl.org/student-help. With the San José Public Library's NEW Digital Skill Building Pathways, you can practice the skills essential to living and working in the digital world. Learning paths include free lessons, resources, and library events, such as computer classes. Practice your digital skills at your own pace online at sjpl.org/digital-skills or find an in-person program at any of [SJPL's 25 locations](#).

IX. Comments and Announcements:

- A. Friend's Groups Comments, Announcements and Updates: Commissioner Kelly shared that he has been working with Diego Martinez, from Council District 3, to reinstate the Friend's Groups at Biblioteca and East Carnegie. The All-Friend's Group has been reinstated and is ongoing. They have already held three meetings with another scheduled for later this year. The All-Friend's Group has been meeting with the San José Public Library Foundation to become a Chapter of the Foundation. Next All-Friend's Group meeting will be Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Evergreen Library Branch.
- B. Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners: Commissioner Kelley attended a Council District 9's Hybrid Office hours on August 11, 2023. On August 12, 2023, he attended the Bascom Friend's meeting. On August 13th, Councilmember Pam Foley held an event to honor district 9 neighborhood leaders and Commissioners. Commissioner Mahaney-Gurahoo met with Children Now regarding ages 0-14 and the implementation of all the things the State has done and their connected partners.
- C. San José Public Library Foundation (SJPLF) Board: Vice President, Nicole Chitty, informed the Commission that the San José Public Library Foundation Board will be meeting Thursday, August 24, 2023, to discuss bringing on Vice Chair Ramos as the Foundation liaison. The Legacy Literacy Workshop, How to Make a Will, was held August 3, 2023, and had 84 participants. 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: None suggested.

XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on **September 20th, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Library 3rd Floor.**

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.



Jose Magaña (Sep 28, 2023 16:39 PDT)

JOSE MAGAÑA, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY



CASSIE HUNTER