
MEETING MINUTES

June 12th, 2024

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Jose Magaña, Vice Chair Angelica Ramos, Anarita Reyes, Patricia Gardner, Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Patricia Mendoza, Melanie Sellar, Kristen Brown, and Janice Allen

ABSENT: Commissioners Coco-Nicole Banks, Deniz Westphal and Elena Jolly

STAFF: City Librarian Jill Bourne, Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Deputy Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat; Program Manager Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Nancy Donnell; Literacy Program Specialist Yesenia Ortega; 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 7:03 P.M. A quorum was achieved with 9 Commissioners present and 3 Commissioners absent.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the May 15, 2024, and June 12, 2024, Agendas.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2024, and May 15, 2024.

On the motion of Commissioner Mahaney-Gurahoo, seconded by Commissioner Brown, Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the May 15, 2024, and June 12, 2024, agendas, as well as the April 17, 2024, and May 15, 2024, 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:** Branch Spotlight: Bascom Library (N. Donnell)
The Commission received a report on the Bascom Library Branch. Discussion followed.

B. **ACTION:** Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Work Plan (J. Magaña)
The Commission voted to approve Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Library and Education Commission Work Plan. Discussion followed. On the motion of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mahaney-Gurahoo, the Commission voted unanimously to

adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Work Plan, with note to adding a joint meeting with Youth Commission.

C. ACTION: Election of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Officers (J. Magaña)

The Commission identified and voted on the Commission Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Discussion followed. On the motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Mahaney-Gurahoo, the Commission voted unanimously for Commissioner Jose Magaña to be Chair for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Commissioner Magaña abstained. On the motion of Commissioner Mahaney-Gurahoo, seconded by Commissioner Allen, the Commission unanimously voted for Commissioner Angelica Ramos to be Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Commissioner Ramos abstained.

VI. Council Liaison's Announcements

City of San José District 3, Council Assistant Bryan Reyes, provided an update from Councilmember Torres' Office. Viva Calle was this last weekend. Attended the last Youth Commission meeting. Excited for the summer, where there will be a lot of Viva Parks events happening in District 3. City budget was passed yesterday, June 11th. Council is going into recess for the rest of the month through July and will reconvene in August.

VII. Chair's Announcements

Chair Magaña shared he wanted to emphasize the Summer Reading program, and encourage folks to participate, there are cool prizes. Thank you to Libraries and their staff for providing a safe and cool place for people during the heat wave.

VIII. Library Director's Announcements

San José Public Library's City Librarian, Jill Bourne shared that the City of San José's budget was approved on Tuesday and want to thank the Commission for being a formidable force, and to our Council Liaison and the Office of Councilmember Torres. Late fees have been waived for San José Public Library customers, beginning July 1st. There were cuts to the Partners in Reading program and the MakerSpaceship. San José Public Library is partnering with the Georgian Heritage Foundation to announce a new Georgian book collection available for check out at the library. The books are available in the English and Georgian language and were brought directly from Georgia to boost awareness about their heritage and provide access to Georgian literature. Everyone is invited to the reception next Thursday, June 20th from 1:00 PM -2:00 PM in the SJPL Works Center (King Library, 3rd floor). More information about the collection will be available soon on sjpl.org. San José Public Library is teaming up with Bay FC, the new women's professional soccer franchise representing the Bay Area in the National Women's Soccer League, to offer a unique opportunity for its fans to attend a special story time reading featuring Bay FC players. This special soccer theme event will be held at the Joyce Ellington Branch Library on Tuesday, June 25 from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Storytime participants will have the opportunity to meet players and win tickets to an upcoming soccer match. Since the start of the San José Public Library's Annual Summer Learning program on June 1st, there has been more than **6,000** total registrations from participants of all ages. With an overall goal of reading 8 books or 8 hours across 8 total weeks this summer, readers have logged more than **11,000 total book**

titles and 200,000 total minutes read in just 12 days. In conjunction with Summer Learning, people can also participate in SJPL's annual Graphic Novel Making Contest and Cosplay on Display contest for a chance to win more prizes! Lastly, join the San José Public Library this summer for free coding and STEAM programs for children, ages 7-13. Students can choose between STEAM Learning Labs lasting between 1 to 2 hours and longer, or one-day, 8-hour Coding Learning Labs. The Coding Learning Labs, available on select weekdays from June 24th to August 2nd at four library branches, provide a full day of coding and digital art activities. Registration is required for these educational and engaging sessions.

IX. Comments and Announcements:

A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:

Commissioner Brown attended the Creekside event, that Commissioner Jolly shared last month. Commissioner Mendoza provided recommendations for next year's budget discussion. Commissioner Gardner is still working to connect Rose Garden Library Staff with Luther Burbank for their Summer Program.

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

Vice Chair Ramos shared that there will be two fundraising events in September. First will be the Kristi Yamaguchi Family Literacy Festival on September 7th at the Children's Discovery Museum, tickets are on sale. The second event will be a signature author event. This event will be on September 21st, and tickets will go on sale July 15th. The signature author will be Chef Martin Yan of Yan Can Cook. The San José Public Library Foundation Board will be having their annual retreat on June 21st. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Joint Advocacy.

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 21st, 2024, at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 3rd Floor, SJPL Works.**

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

JOSE MAGAÑA, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

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