
MEETING MINUTES

May 15th, 2024

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Jose Magaña, Anarita Reyes, Patricia Gardner, Elena Jolly and Kristen Brown

ABSENT: Vice Chair Angelica Ramos; Commissioners Coco-Nicole Banks, Deniz Westphal, Patricia Mendoza, Melanie Sellar, Janice Allen and Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

STAFF: Deputy Library Director of Operations Jenny Choi; Deputy Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat; Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin; Division Managers Michelle Amores, Vidya Kilambi, Jean Herriges and Ann Grabowski; Public Information Manager Elizabeth Castañeda; Senior Public Information Rep. Nancy Macias; Program Manager Karla Alvarez; Librarian Megan Maloy; Community Programs Administrator Ofelia Medina; Administrative Analyst Cassie Hunter

Others: City of San José District 3 Council Assistant Bryan Reyes; City of San José District 3 Youth Commission Chair Deitra Hoang

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The Library and Education Commission convened at 7:03 P.M. via Zoom webinar. A quorum was not achieved with 5 Commissioners present and 7 Commissioners absent.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the May 15, 2024, Agenda.

B. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 17, 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: Youth Commission Announcements (D. Hoang)

The Commission received announcements and updates from the City of San José Youth Commission Chair. Discussion followed.

- B. INFORMATION: Adult Literacy Programming (V. Kilambi)
The Commission received an update on the status of the adult literacy programming. Discussion followed.
- C. INFORMATION: Library Bond Review (J. Choi)
The Commission received a report on the Library Bond. Discussion followed.
- D. INFORMATION: Submission of Topics for Fiscal Year 24-25 Work Plan (C. Hunter)
The Commission discussed topics for the 2024-2025 Library and Education Work Plan. Discussion followed.

VI. Council Liaison’s Announcements

City of San José District 3, Council Assistant Bryan Reyes, provided an update from Councilmember Torres’ Office. Since the last meeting Councilmember Torres has been working with our Policy Director to create budget documents and cost estimates. In April, Councilmember Torres attended a study session in Los Angeles, based on economic development. Councilmember Torres and Councilmember Ortiz proclaimed April as Library Appreciation Month. Councilmember Torres also attended the Partners in Reading Recognition event. Two weekends ago, Councilmember had Cinco de Mayo weekend. Councilmember Torres looks to approve the 2024-2025 Budget and wants to continue to fight for libraries the best way he can. He appreciates seeing many constituents contact his inbox and call his office about keeping library programs and various libraries. Quite a few people have been reaching out to Torres’ office and tagging all of the City Councilmembers to continue funding for library services, and not take away from programs this upcoming budget cycle. Coming up there will be the second community meeting at Biblioteca Latinoamericana library.

VII. Chair’s Announcements

Chair Magaña shared that the turnout for the Library Proclamation at City Council was great, and thanks Councilmember Torres and Councilmember Ortiz. Thank you to Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Bans, and others who have reached out to Councilmembers.

VIII. Library Director’s Announcements

In Jill Bourne’s absence, San José Public Deputy Director of Public Services, Michelle Ornat, shared that the San José Public Library will be partnering with Cirque du Soleil to provide increased access to their current production titled “Kooza”, a family-friendly show that is about a child who dreams big, and there is no better place to dream big than at the library. In addition, Cirque is hosting their first mini community performance and storytime at the Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Library tomorrow, May 16th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. For more information, visit sjpl.org/kooza. The Guadalupe-Washington Neighborhood is invited to attend the second participatory meeting to learn about the Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Library’s building improvement project, on Saturday, May 18 from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. For more information, visit sjpl.org/bibliotecainfo. Also taking place on Saturday, the Library’s 9th Annual Gira de Libro Library Tour by

Bicycle! The tour is scheduled to kickoff at 9 a.m. from the Joyce Ellington Branch Library and will stop at the Alviso Branch Library, concluding the tour at 4 p.m. This event is FREE and open to all ages. To register and for more information, visit: sjpl.org/Gira. During the month of May, the San José Public Library celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. To view our complete list of programs and more, visit: sjpl.org/AAPI. The Summer Learning program will be starting June 1st through July 31 for a chance to win fun prizes for reading over the summer. Along with the Summer Learning program, the library will also kick-off its 16th Annual Graphic Novel Making Contest. Lastly, the library will host its Cosplay on Display program from May 23-August 10. For complete details of the library's summer programs, visit www.sjpl.org/summer.

IX. Comments and Announcements:

A. Announcements & Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners:

Commissioner Gardner shared that since the last meeting, she has meeting with the Trustee from the Burbank School District, along with about four library staff from Rose Garden Library. Commissioner Gardner also met with Councilmember Davis the budget process. Commissioner Jolly invited Commissioners to a free educational event being held on June 6th, by the Creekside School. Commissioner Reyes and Vice Chair Ramos went to an event to show support for Poly Child Care Network providers.

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

Library Foundation Executive Director Dr. Dawn Coppin shared that there isn't a SJPLF Board meeting in May and the next meeting will be taking place in June. IT's going to be a retreat where they'll be planning the strategic plan direction for the next three years, 2025-2027. Foundation is planning a signature author event for September, more information to come next meeting.

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 Jolly suggested an update on the Makerspaceship.

XII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on **June 12th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Bascom Library.**

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.


Jose Magaña (Jun 27, 2024 13:29 CDT)

JOSE MAGAÑA, Chair
San José Public Library
and Education Commission

ATTEST:

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY


CASSIE HUNTER