



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 6/17/2019
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Menlo Park Library
800 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Chair Hadrovic called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Chambers, Erhart, Hadrovic, Lemons, Pandey
Absent: Cohen, Leep
Staff: Library Services Director Reinhart, Assistant Library Services Director Szegda

C. Public Comment

- Mr. Jim Lewis suggested that the library provide food/drink vending machines in the patio.

D. Regular Business

D1. Approve the minutes from the May 20, 2019 Library Commission Special Meeting.

ACTION: Motion/second (Lemons, Chambers) to approve the minutes as written passed unanimously.

D2. Special presentations by library related external nonprofit organizations:

- Menlo Park Historical Association (MPHA) – Ms. Lydia Cooper gave a [short presentation](#) on the mission and recent activities of the MPHA.
- Project READ – Menlo Park Literacy Partners - Mr. Mike Goodkind, Ms. Tisha Garcia, and Mr. Ryan Downing, board members of Literacy Partners, gave a [short presentation](#) on the mission and the recent activities of their organization.

D3. Discuss: Sister City book exchange proposal

- Public comment: Mr. Jim Lewis remarked that Galway is Menlo Park's Sister City; three other cities are Friendship Cities. He suggested that any book exchange program begin with Galway. He further submitted a written public comment (Attachment A).

Assistant Director Szegda gave a brief synopsis of the sister city book exchange proposal made by Sister City Committee Chair George Yang during public comment at the May 20, 2019 Library Commission meeting. Discussion of various ideas and logistical considerations ensued. Chair Hadrovic suggested that the exchanged books could be part of an interesting display on the Sister Cities. Staff will contact the Sister City Committee staff liaison and return to the Commission with more information at a future meeting.

D4. Review and update: Library Commission agenda calendar

By acclamation the following changes were made to the Commission's agenda calendar:

- Add Commission work plan status as a regular item
- Add dedication of a commemorative plaque for Ester Bugna to July
- Cancel the August meeting (summer recess)
- Confirm that Belle Haven branch library conceptual design is main item for September

- Add Sister City book exchange report to September
- Add external partner coordination discussion to September
- Move policy approvals from September to October
- Add vending machines to Unscheduled

Director Reinhart confirmed with the Commission that the July meeting would be very brief, and that after adjournment the Commission would have a Commissioner Appreciation dinner off site.

E. Informational Items

E1. Library Director updates

- Public comment: Mr. Jim Lewis remarked that the Menlo Park Historical Association was a past recipient of a California Revealed grant, and used the grant funds to record and archive some oral histories.

F. Commissioner Reports

F1. Individual commissioner reports

- Chair Hadrovic noted that the Library booth at the Downtown Block Party was very active
- Commissioner Chambers saw a Library Summer Learning newsletter at her school
- Commissioner Lemons plans on attending the Library's Comicon event
- Commissioner Pandey suggested the Library provide a monthly list of recommended reads for library users

G. Adjournment

Chair Hadrovic adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Attachments:

- A. Written comment by Mr. Jim Lewis ([link](#))

Minutes approved at 07/15/2019 Library Commission meeting