



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/15/2017
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Menlo Park Library
800 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call to Order

Chair Lemons called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Badgely, Bramlett, Bugna, Cebrian, Lemons. Absent: Leep, Race

Staff: Nick Szegda, Assistant Director of Library Services

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

D. Regular Business

D1. Accept the commission meeting minutes from April 17, 2017

Minutes approved without changes.

D2. Welcome new Commissioner Ester Bugna

The Commission welcomed new Commissioner Ester Bugna, long time Menlo Park resident, recently appointed.

D3. Report from Belle Haven Subcommittee

Commissioner Bramlett shared the results of the survey gathered at the recent Belle Haven Community Fair. The 36 survey respondents showed an interest in programs at the library and in free book giveaways. Chair Lemons reported that resident Matt Henry gave a presentation at a recent neighborhood meeting advocating for a new library located on the Onetta Harris Senior Center campus. Input from attendees at that meeting did not favor placing a new library on Willow Road.

D4. Report on Little Free Libraries

Cebrian distributed a document with links to successful, public parks located Little Free Library programs in cities that are similar in size to Menlo Park. MSP (Bramlett/Lemons – passed unanimously) for Cebrian and Badgely to draft a letter to Council proposing a pilot program to place Little Free Libraries in three City parks: Kelly, Marketplace, and Sharon.

- D5. Review 2016-17 Commission Work Plan goals and Priorities. Review 2017-18 City Council priorities. Continue drafting 2017-2018 Commission Work Plan

Chair Lemons will draft a first pass at a new Commission work plan.

E. Reports

- E1. Staff liaison report

Szegda reported on recent library programs and gave an update on the current budget proposal submitted by the library.

- E2. Informal Commissioner reports

Lemons reported on exploring possible collaborative opportunities with the Bicycle Commission. Cebrian reported on the use of “Ask me what I’m reading” wristbands by students at Oak Knoll. Bramlett continues to add to the Belle Haven library needs document. The film discussion group will meet in early June.

F. Informational Items

- F1. Annual Commissioner Appreciation Event and Brown Act training May 16, 4 – 7:30 PM

- F2. Informal commissioner sharing of audio/digital/print books currently reading

Badgely – “Hungry tide” by Ghosh. Bugna – “Branded” by Lawrence Di Stasi (Italian-American internment during WWII). Bramlett – books on film analysis, “Presidential Courage” by Beschloss. Cebrian – “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas, “The Women in the Castle” by Jessica Shattuck. Lemons – “Summer Queen” audiobook (about Eleanor of Aquitaine). Szegda – “Self-Portrait as Wikipedia Entry” by Dean Rader (contemporary poetry).

- F3. Collect future agenda items

Report from Lemons on the Commission work plan. Update from Cebrian and Badgely on Little Free Libraries initiative. Possible presentation from Matt Henry on OHSS as suitable site for a library facility.

G. Adjournment

Chair Lemons adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes approved at June 19, 2017 Library Commission meeting