



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 6/19/2017
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Menlo Park Library
800 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call to Order

Vice Chair Race called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Bramlett, Bugna, Leep, Race.

Absent: Badgely, Cebrian, Lemons

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 May 15, 2017

Minutes approved without changes.

D2. Report from Belle Haven Subcommittee

Matt Henry gave a presentation on siting a new branch library on the grounds of the Onetta Harris Community Center (OHCC). He included conceptual renderings of his proposed branch exterior. Mr. Henry said the residents he has spoken to preferred the OHCC location to both the current location in the Belle Haven School and the recently proposed location on Willow Road (as part of the upcoming MidPen development). Commissioner Bugna asked if Mr. Henry had shared his presentation with City Council members, and Mr. Henry replied that Councilmember Mueller had been given a copy.

Commissioner Bramlett shared the results of the survey she had collected at the recent Belle Haven Community Fair, at the branch library, at OHCC, and at the Boys and Girls club.

ACTION: Commissioner Bramlett made a motion that “establishing a new, full-service, modern branch library in Belle Haven become the central pillar of the new commission work plan”. The motion was seconded by Leep, and passed 4-0-3 (Badgely, Cebrian, and Lemons absent).

D3. Report on Little Free Libraries

Tabled until 7/17/2017 meeting

- D4. Review 2016-17 Commission Work Plan goals and Priorities. Review 2017-18 City Council priorities. Continue drafting 2017-2018 Commission Work Plan

ACTION: Motion made to table this item for now, and to hold a special Commission meeting on July 10th to take up the Commission Work Plan Leep/Bramlett, passed 4-0-3 (Badgely, Cebrian, and Lemons absent).

- D5. Report from Commissioner Bramlett on outreach efforts

Commissioner Bramlett spoke of her meeting with Gabriela Alvarez from MidPen Housing. MidPen Housing is managing the new senior housing development on Willow Road in the Belle Haven neighborhood, and is interested in library information and library programming for their residents.

The initial Film Group Meetup had six participants.

E. Reports

- E1. Staff liaison report

Staff member Szegda gave an update on the City's budget process and the library's budget request for 2017/18, including requests for additional hours at the branch (to match open hours at the main library to the extent that they can be matched, given the restrictions placed on the library by the Belle Haven School). A request was made for an additional .5 FTE staff position to provide for the additional open hours. There were also requests for funds to conduct a library needs assessment for the Belle Haven Neighborhood, and to continue the efforts of the Space Needs Planning process for the main. Szegda will report back on the approval or denial of the library's requests at the next Commission meeting.

- E2. Informal Commissioner reports

There were no reports.

F. Informational Items

- F1. Informal commissioner sharing of audio/digital/print books currently reading

Bugna – "Hidden Life of Trees" by Peter Wohlleben. Bramlett – "Roots to Power" by Lee Staples, "Faith Club" by Ranya Idliby, and "Victoria's Daughter" by Jerrold Packard. Leep – "Walking with the Enemy" movie. Race – "The Color of the Sea" by John Hamamura. Szegda – "This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things" by Whitney Phillips.

- F3. Collect future agenda items

Update of the Commission work plan. Presentation of work plan update to City Council. Update from Cebrian and Badgely on Little Free Libraries initiative.

G. Adjournment

Vice Chair Race adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.