Library Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 11/20/2017 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 6:39 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

Staff: Nick Szegda, Assistant Director of Library Services

C. Public Comment

Barrett Moore was concerned about the lack of books (he estimates only 250) available for adults at the branch, and would like to see more materials for adults at the branch.

Pamela Jones expressed concerns about the Belle Haven Neighborhood Library Advisory Committee (BHNLAC) application time frame.

Angela Evans of the Housing Leadership Council supports the idea of housing as a component of a new main library project.

Aldora Lee wants to know the status of the Project READ director position. She spoke in favor of a design thinking process for any new library construction.

D. Regular Business

D1. Approve 2017-18 Commission Work Plan and prepare for the December 5, 2017 Council update presentation.

Commissioner Bramlett suggested that more work was needed to fill out resources and supporting goals needed for each overarching goal.

ACTION: Motion and second (Leep/Lemons) to form a subcommittee of Badgely and Cebrian to continue developing the Commission's work plan passed 6-0.

D2. Update from Little Free Libraries subcommittee.

Commissioner Cebrian reported that there are 12 existing Little Free Libraries (LFL) in Menlo Park, only one in the Belle Haven neighborhood.

D3. Select Commission representative to serve on the Belle Haven Neighborhood Library Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Motion and second (Lemons/Leep) to nominate Commissioner Cebrian to serve as the Commission's representative on the BHNLAC passed 6-0.

D4. Update on Commission work plan goals

No updates.

D5. Presentation by Commissioner Bramlett on "Outcome Based Evaluation: an Introduction".

Commissioner Bramlett shared a presentation on measurement methods – focusing on using the measurement of outcomes rather than on inputs.

E. Reports

E1. Library system improvements project update

Szegda reported that the first siting and uses meeting will be held in mid-December.

E2. Informal Commissioner reports

Commissioner Cebrian will let the Commission know of the next Parks and Rec meeting date.

Commissioner Leep reminds the Commission that the next library support group social is scheduled for January 18, 2018.

F. Informational Items

- F1. Informal commissioner sharing of audio/digital/print books currently reading
 - Bramlett "Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe" by Saenz.
 - Badgely "Pity the Nation" by Fisk.
 - Leep "Committed" by Gilbert.
 - Szegda "The Rocks" by Nichols.
 - Cebrian "After the Fall" by Saniat, "How to be an Elephant" by Roy, "Lincoln in the Bardo" by Saunders.
 - Bugna "Neuromarketing for Dummies".
- F2. Collect future agenda items

Update on Belle Haven Neighborhood Library Committee

Strategic Plan update (scorecard)

G. Adjournment

Chair Lemons adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes approved at 05/21/2018 Library Commission meeting