



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 11/18/2019
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Menlo Park Library
800 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Call to Order

Chair Hadrovic called the meeting to order at 6:30

B. Roll Call

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

C. Public Comment

There was no comment.

D. Regular Business

D1. Approve the minutes from the October 21, 2019 Library Commission Meeting

ACTION: Motion and second (Chambers /Erhart) to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2019 Library Commission Meeting, passed (4-0-3, Leep, Lemons, and Pandey absent).

D2. Discuss: New Belle Haven Library updates

Staff gave a brief update on the new branch library process. Awaiting details beyond what was announced by Facebook at the October 15 City council meeting.

- Pam Jones commented that there was a significant difference between the Onetta Harris/Facebook rebuild and the earlier main library/Arrillaga proposal. She characterized the Onetta Harris rebuild process as community driven and the main library process as staff and City Council driven.

Commissioner Cohen asked who Facebook would be working with moving forward.

Director Reinhart stated that Facebook is amenable to a community-driven process with the Library Commission as a part of that process. The Onetta Harris rebuild will include more than just a new library, and may involve input from other City commissions.

Commissioner Hadrovic asked that the results of the community survey from the conceptual design phase in October be brought to the Library Commission.

Director Reinhart agreed to bring the results to the Commission after further direction is received from the City Council. The results will be useful even if the rest of the conceptual design process is on hold pending Facebook's offer.

Commissioner Chambers asked that any updates to the new branch library timeline be brought to the Commission.

D3. Review: Library Commission presentation to the City Council

Chair Hadrovic shared a draft of the presentation with the Commission and asked if the Commission might be amenable to a joint meeting on the new branch library process with the Parks & Recreation Commission.

D4. Review and update: Library Commission agenda calendar

Check for a quorum for December 16 meeting 10 days prior. May need to cancel.

January 27, 2020 meeting (fourth Monday because of holiday) to be held at branch. Add current Library Commission work plan to the agenda and send out earlier so Commissioners can review.

April 20, 2020 meeting to be held at the Senior Center (discussing library services to seniors).

E. Informational Items

E1. Receive and file: Department updates November 2019

Library Director Reinhart made the presentation.

Commissioner Erhart asked if a sign notifying customers about the availability of bike locks for loan could be placed near the bike racks in front of the library.

F. Individual Commissioner Reports

Chair Hadrovic attended a "Color of Law: Menlo Park Edition" presentation on historic redlining practices nationwide and the impacts of these practices locally. There was interest by the event coordinators in having an exhibit at the library.

G. Adjournment

Chair Hadrovic adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Nick Szegda, Assistant Library Services Director

Minutes approved at the January 27, 2020 Library Commission Special Meeting