

From: Benjamin Farrell <bengfarrell@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 7:23 PM
To: Library <Library@hayward-ca.gov>
Subject: September 19th meeting in regards to Meeting room policy

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Hi,

I went to the library for the first time on Saturday for your event. The place looks amazing. But the meeting room fees posted on your website look note so great. I wanted to offer some thoughts as you all decide on best policies going forward.

I think charging for meeting room access for a profitable company is completely fair, but for non profit or just informal community focused groups this is a huge missed opportunity to have an impact and help people come together. It's always challenging finding meeting space for groups like meetup. Having run several groups myself, it comes down to either meeting in a bar/coffeshop, or getting sponsored by a local business. This can be incredibly difficult to manage and please everyone. As I said, the library has some amazing facilities, and would be perfect to fill this need.

For the Makerspace specifically, I've heard that it's under consideration that you'd be charging room rental and reservation fees under the same policy. Unfortunately, this is not just inconvenient for the above reasons, but really makes no sense if you consider the usage of the room. For example, if I was doing a 3D print, I'd need the room for possibly 10 minutes, before I started a print job that could take 10 hours or more. So in this case, I guess I'd have to pay to reserve the room for the minimum amount of time, and make another paid reservation for when I estimated my job would be finished. In the meantime, my print may have failed, and I'd like to cancel it and start another, but I'd have to pay to reserve one or 2 slots to check on it in the interim. And this needlessly blocks other folks from taking over if my print failed, when I can't just cancel it because I don't have the room.

Anyway, I hope you'll consider making room reservations free, as its a blocking factor for exactly the people the library should be helping. And I hope you'll consider just allowing drop-in use of the Makerspace.

thanks!
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From: Frank Goulart <fgoulart@pacbell.net>

Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 11:48 AM

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Subject: Fees

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To Library Commission,

This is our Public Library.

It is not appropriate for set the residence fees for more taxes. We paid for our taxes for the use of the library!

Non-Profit local use of the Library for no fees!! Is not appropriate!!!

Government for no fees!!!!

Don't you think other fees excessive??

Finally, would please tell me the location Weeks Legacy Room.

Regards,
Frank Goulart