

MINUTES

City of Hayward Library Commission - May 21, 2018

Call to order. Commission Chairperson McAllister called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Roll call. Library Commissioners in attendance: Bergeron, McAllister, Murillo, Prada, Reynoso, Bufete. Library Commissioners absent: Lowe and Sharafali. Council Liaison Salinas was not in attendance. Staff in attendance: Sean Reinhart, Lindsey Polanco, Sally Thomas, Kavita Sagan, Michelle Nogales, Reina Escovedo, Ariana Nussbaum, and Lara Williams. There were no visitors in attendance.

Chairperson McAllister reported that Commissioner Rogers has resigned from the Library Commission, and her position will remain vacant until City Council appoints new Commissioners in July.

Minutes from the April 16, 2018 regular meeting. The minutes were approved with a motion by Commissioner Reynoso and a second by Commissioner Bergeron.

Public comments. There were no public comments.

New Business. Staff presentation: "Beyond the Binary: Embracing Diverse Gender Identities." Report of Association of Children's Librarians workshop attended by library staff. Library staff, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Sagan, Ms. Nogales, Ms. Escovedo and Ms. Nussbaum, presented to the group, some takeaways of what they learned at the workshop. Director Reinhart added that the 21st Century Library will include an all-gender multi-stall restroom on the third floor. Commissioners offered comments and posed questions for the Library staff.

21st Century Library construction updates. Director Reinhart reported that the construction contractor anticipates reaching "substantial completion" and temporary certificate of occupancy of the new library on or around July 31st. Staff expects to close the old library and move into the new immediately thereafter. The Grand Opening of the new library will take place four to six weeks after the move, likely in September, date to be announced on July 14th at the "Farewell to the Old Library" event.

Director Reinhart reported that the Library will launch a fines amnesty program, "Food for Fines" on July 14th. Patrons will be invited to donate food items to the Alameda County Community Food Bank. In exchange, the library will waive \$2 in overdue fines for every eligible food item donated. The last fines amnesty program was in 2010. Ms. Polanco reported the upcoming launch of a similar fines amnesty for children, "Read Away Your Fines," in which children under age 18 can have \$1 waived from their overdue fines for every 15 minutes of reading.

Director Reinhart reminded the Library Commissioners that volunteers are needed to assist with the many events planned on and leading up to the Grand Opening.

Library Commissioner reports. Commissioner McAllister reported on the Community Clean-Up Day, where Commissioners were encouraged to recruit for new commissioners. Commissioner Murillo added that there were many who came by the booth to ask questions about the Library Commission.

Friends of Hayward Library report. Director Reinhart announced that the Friends of the Hayward Library are working with a consultant to help with the Friend's online bookstore. Ms. Polanco added that the Friends have approved a contract with Cal State East Bay to hire federal work study students to provide staffing for the New Leaf Bookstore. Cal State East Bay will pay 75% of the salary, the Friends will pay the remainder. Commissioner McAllister announced that the Friends have engaged with Fremont Bank's investment division to help invest the funds that are currently not in use.

City Council Liaison report. There was no report as Council Member Salinas was not in attendance.

Adjournment. Commissioner Chairperson McAllister adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.