



LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 2019 CITY HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 2B

I. Call to order

Commission Chairperson McAllister called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll call

Present: Bergeron, Bufete, Lowe, McAllister and Sharafali
Absent: Prada, Reynoso and Zhang
Staff: Jayanti Addleman, Library Director
Al Mendall, Council Member
Lara Williams, Administrative Assistant
Mary Thomas, Management Analyst
Visitors: Robbin Kawahata, Victor Fuji and Naomi Shibata of the Japanese American Commemorative Marker

IV. Approval of Minutes from the June 17, 2019 regular meeting

Motioned by Commissioner Bufete to approve the June 17, 2019 Library Commission Minutes: seconded by Commissioner Sharafali. Passed by 5-0-0.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. New Business

Heritage Plaza Report

Mary Thomas presented on the Heritage Plaza which is on track to be completed this fall. The focus of the presentation was on the Japanese American Incarceration Memorial. The visitors introduced themselves individually and provided a brief background on their connection to this project and memorial. The Commissioners and Council Member Mendall reviewed the memorial put together by the National Japanese American Historical Society. The commissioners and council member provided their input on the memorial.

VII. Old Business

21st Century Library Construction Update

Director Addleman provided the commission with an update on construction of the 21st Century Library. The firing of the electrical subcontractors for not completing their work in a timely manner had been placed on the July 9th Council meeting agenda, and they have now picked up the pace in their work. This resolution was continued to the following meeting on July 16, when it was continued to the next meeting again. Councilmember Mendall added that the July 23rd City Council agenda includes a review of firing the electrical contractor. The children's Storytime area will not open with the new library as the subcontractor has been slow and doing poor quality work.

VIII. Reports

Library Commissioners

Commissioner Bufete brought up the idea of eliminating late fees at the library. Director Addleman stated that the staff has been considering the idea also, and will really analyze the possibilities after the opening of the new library. Commissioner Sharafali requested that the books available through Hoopla be increased from four books per month. Commission Chairperson announced that this will be her and Peter's last meeting as they have termed out of the Library Commission. Commissioner Chairperson McAllister expressed how much she has enjoyed and grown from this experience.

Friends of Hayward Library

Chairperson McAllister shared the Friends are doing great and very eager to get into the new library. Commissioner Bufete shared that he is now accessing the New York Times via his Hayward Library card.

City Council Liaison report

City Council liaison Mendall shared that commission applications will close on July 15th, please share if you know people that may be interested in joining the Library Commission.

Library Director report

Director Addleman announced that tomorrow during the City Council meeting there will be a presentation for the winners of the library card design contest.

X. Adjournment

Commission Chairperson McAllister adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.