

ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY

**ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**

April 6, 2022

Hybrid Meeting, Cherryland Community Center Library

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Michael Baldwin, at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael Baldwin
Subru Bhat
Karen Bridges
Cheryl Hoffmann
Sherry Hu
Teresa Keng
Sarah Wilson
Tyler Dragoni
Pat Gacoscos
Maria "Sucy" Collazo
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Members Absent:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2022

Commissioner Karen Bridges motioned and Commissioner Subru Bhat seconded for the approval of minutes from January 12, 2022. Commissioners Sucy Collazo and Pat Gacoscos abstained from voting. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

2. ACLAC Retreat Follow Up

The Commissioners discussed the list of ACLAC Activities and Goals as drafted by Commissioners Michael Baldwin and Subru Bhat.

3. Preview of Library Projects for FY 2022-2023

County Librarian Cindy Chadwick gave an overview of projects in the upcoming Fiscal Year which runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

RFID tagging of the collection

Chadwick shared the Library's plan to implement RFID tagging of library materials which will bring new self-check-out machines that allow users the ability to check in and check out in bulk.

Most Bay Area Libraries have the technology already. Every item in our collection (1.1 million items) will be getting these RFID tags.

Library cards will not have RFID tagging, only the collection.

Chadwick mentioned that this project will take more than a year to implement.

Newark Library

Newark Library Manager Joe Stoner shared that Newark Library is in the process of receiving two large grants.

The first grant, Stronger Together Out of School Time grants \$100K over two years. The Library plans to use these funds to hire 28 teen interns to work in its maker spaces.

How can the Commission help? Some of the projects that the library envisions for this group may be large enough that they would need to relocate to locations in the community. The Commission could help with making those connections.

The second grant of \$100K, through the County's "Enhancing Vision 2026" Fund, aims to provide support for the County's Strategic Plan. These funds will be directed toward art and music programs at Newark Library.

Commissioner Pat Gacoscos asked how the recipient cities were selected for the grant for the maker spaces. Stoner explained that Irvington and Newark were selected since they have the largest maker spaces in AC Library.

Stoner mentioned that the City of Newark wants a stage for outdoor performances.

JEDI expands to Public Programming

Chadwick shared the Library's desire to take the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) work to the public. The Library has started to do this throughout 2021 with programs.

Staff planning teams have been formed to focus on public programs such as Pride, Black History 365, Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI), and Accessibility. The mission of these groups is to think about different ways to reach out and connect with our communities in the programs we provide.

Chadwick asked the Commission for any suggested communities, organizations, or celebrations that we should include.

Commissioner Gacoscos said the Human Relations Commission of Union City would like to partner with the Library.

Commissioner Baldwin said that this is a good topic to bring up to the Unincorporated Services Meeting so that feedback can be gathered from Ashland and Cherryland. The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (CV MAC) and Eden Area MAC meetings, run by Supervisors Nate Miley and Dave Brown, would also be good groups to reach out to.

Commissioner Tyler Dragoni suggested working with the Ohlone people and incorporating more education about their community into our programs.

4. Tour of Cherryland Community Center

Danielle Wilson, Manager of Eden Area Libraries, gave a short presentation and led a tour of the Cherryland Community Center.

Wilson explained that the “Eden Area” refers to the library locations in San Lorenzo and Cherryland.

Commissioner Bhat asked if the books purchased for Cherryland were shared with San Lorenzo. Wilson said that the Cherryland collection was purchased specifically for the location.

5. County Librarian’s Report

Diante’s Den

Chadwick reported that a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the first location of Diante’s Den was set for April 18, 2022. The location is small, but Commissioners are encouraged to visit the barber shops where the Diante’s Den bookcases will be kept.

Wilson added that the Library has more bookcases available to put out and asked for any recommendations for additional barber shops in the Eden Area that the Library could reach out to and partner with.

COVID Policies Update

Chadwick reported that as of now, per the County's Guidance, the Library will continue to require mask-wearing and current COVID-related protocols at all locations. More information about the Library's policies can be found on the website at <https://bit.ly/VisitingGuidelinesACL>

Chadwick added that book donations are now being accepted at Fremont Main, Castro Valley, and Albany Libraries.

6. Commissioners' Updates and Reports

Commissioner Baldwin shared that he enjoys the "Cindy's Visits" videos on the Library website.

Commissioner Gacoscos reminded the Commission about the new free access to State Parks by checking out a Park pass with your Library card.

Commissioner Gacoscos also said that the President of the Union City Friends of the Library had passed away and was not sure what will happen to the group. Chadwick said that Library Manager Blaine Wentworth and Library Division Director Ben Gomberg are looking into that now.

Commissioner Sherry Hu shared that Dublin is working on building Little Free Libraries around the City. The topic was brought up in the City Council. Alameda County Library will provide materials and the City of Dublin will build and maintain the little libraries.

Commissioner Hu added that this is National Library Week and the City of Dublin has invited the Dublin Friends of the Library to the City Council meeting to give a presentation and receive a proclamation.

7. Next Meeting Date/Place

Date: July 13, 2022
Place: Hybrid Meeting, Physical Location TBD
Time: 7:00 pm

Adjournment

Commissioner Collazo motioned and Commissioner Bhat seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.