ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY

**Agenda Item #1**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MEETING SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**

**October 4, 2023**

**Fremont Main Library**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Baldwin at 7:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present: Members Absent:**

Michael Baldwin Maria “Sucy” Collazo

Sarah Wilson Gary Singh

Preston Jordan Tyler Dragoni

Sherry Hu Karen Bridges

Teresa Keng

Subru Bhat

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2023

Commissioner Preston Jordan moved and Commissioner Sherry Hu seconded for the approval of the July 12, 2023 minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

2. 2024 ACLAC Meeting Dates and Locations

Secretary Noelle Khean presented the dates and locations for the 2024 meeting calendar.

The Commission will meet on January 10th at San Lorenzo Library, April 3rd at Centerville Library, July 10th at Albany Library and October 2nd at Newark Library.

3. Student Representation on ACLAC

Chadwick opened the conversation for a plan to recruit and fill the two Youth Commissioner positions.

The Commission agreed that the positions should be filled for the 2024 calendar year and offered to the Library’s existing teen volunteer pool. The Youth Commissioner positions will be advertised by Library managers to their volunteers and Raising Leaders Interns to find applicants who have already expressed a passion and interest in libraries.

Chadwick, Khean and Teen Services Coordinator Erik Berman will develop an application process and work with the Youth Commissioner Ad Hoc Committee to recruit and recommend two high school or college students for appointment.

An Ad Hoc committee was formed consisting of Commissioners Michael Baldwin, Sarah Wilson and Subru Bhat, who will review and select the top candidates and recommend them to the Commission for their appointment ahead of the January 10, 2024 meeting.

4. Tour of Fremont Main Library

Chadwick introduced Elizabeth Gamell, an Assistant Manager of Fremont Main Library, who led a tour of Fremont Main Library.

5. County Librarians Report

*Banned Books Week*

Chadwick shared that the Board of Supervisors issued a Proclamation for Banned Books Week, October 1-7, 2023. The Library’s Manager of Collection & Development, Michael-Wallace Davis, Jr. attended the Board of Supervisors meeting to receive the Proclamation. Banned Books Week has also been recognized on the Federal level.

*State Legislation*

Chadwick shared information about ACA 1-Aguiar-Curry:

* ACA 1-Aguiar-Curry is a State legislative initiative that would reduce the local vote threshold from a two-thirds supermajority to 55% to approve local general obligation (G.O.) bonds and special taxes for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects.
* This would level the playing field by providing parity between school districts, cities, counties, and special districts so that all local governments have an equally viable financing tool to address their local priorities without having to rely on state and federal funding initiatives.
* Supported by the California Library Association and many other entities
* Could potentially go on the November 2024 ballot

*Update on UCY change hours*

Chadwick presented the survey results which gathered community feedback on Union City Library’s change in hours. Overall the results showed that the community hopes to get more open hours for the library. The solution is two-fold. The Library needs more staff in order to accommodate expanded hours and the City and Library need to work out a new contract to get more hours.

6. Commissioners’ Updates and Reports

Commissioner Jordan reported that there was an incident that involved bullying at a local Albany school, which inspired a book that was published in August of this year. Albany’s teen advisory group is planning events in the community about the book.

Commissioner Bhat reported that he attended a Hispanic Heritage event in September at the Juvenile Justice Center. It was a great event with a lot of participation from the incarcerated youth. Alameda County Library was part of planning the event. Bhat also reported that he attended the Youth Poet Laureate event in August at the Cherryland Community Center.

7. Next Meeting Place/Date & Adjournment

Date: January 10, 2024

Place: San Lorenzo Library

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bhat moved and Commissioner Teresa Keng seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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***\*These minutes are subject to Alameda County Library Advisory Commission’s approval at their next regularly scheduled meeting.***