



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/21/2018
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Menlo Park Library
800 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Chair Lemons called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Bugna, Chambers, Hadrovic, Leep, Lemons, Pandey
Absent: Cohen
Staff: Assistant Library Services Director Nick Szegda; City Clerk Judi Herren

C. Public Comment

- Jim Lewis spoke in favor of Little Free libraries in the parks and offered to assist the Commission in their efforts.
- Pamela Jones spoke in favor of Little Free Libraries in the parks. She also spoke in favor of a new library in the Belle Haven neighborhood that would be separate from the school district building.

D. Regular Business

D1. Approve the minutes from the April 16, 2018, December 18 and November 20, 2017 Library Commission Meetings

ACTION: Motion/second (Leep/Lemons) to approve the minutes without changes passed (3-0-3, Chambers, Hadrovic, and Pandey abstaining).

D2. New Commissioner introductions

New Commissioners Ashley Chambers, Katie Hadrovic, and Noopur Pandey introduced themselves to the Commission.

ACTION: No action taken.

D3. Discuss Commissioner roles and responsibilities

City Clerk Judi Herren gave a short presentation on Advisory Commission roles and responsibilities.

ACTION: No action taken

D4. Select new Commission chair and vice chair

Commissioner Lemons nominated Commissioner Leep for chair. Commissioner Leep nominated

Commissioner Bugna for vice chair.

ACTION: Motion/second (Lemons/Pandey) to elect Commissioner Leep to chair of the Commission and Commissioner Bugna to vice chair of the Commission passed (6-0).

D5. Discuss and consider re-forming Little Free Libraries subcommittee.

Commissioners discussed the current state of the Little Free Libraries subcommittee.

ACTION: Motion/second (Leep/Lemons) to form a Little Free Libraries subcommittee of Commissioners Hadrovic, Leep and Lemons to support Little Free Libraries passed (6-0)

D6. Consider requests for future agenda items

By acclamation, the Commission requested to add the following items to a future agenda:

- Discuss whether to continue library support group socials
- Discuss and consider holding a publicly noticed informational meeting of library support groups
- Discuss and consider having informational presentations at future Commission meetings by representatives from other library support groups
- Receive informational updates on the library system improvements projects
- Review and adjust Commission work plan

E. Informational Items

E1. Library system improvements project update

Assistant Library Services Director Szegda shared the staff report and siting recommendation for the proposed main library. The staff report will be presented to the City Council on May 22.

E2. Belle Haven Neighborhood Library Needs Assessment project update

Assistant Library Services Director Szegda reported on the study session held at the May 15 BHNLC meeting by the study consultants (Gensler). The final report is scheduled to be released in June.

E3. Update on Committee work plan goals

Vice Chair Bugna suggested that work plan goals may need to be adjusted depending on decisions made by the City Council.

E4. Update on Library's budget requests for FY 2018/19

Assistant Library Services Director Szegda reported that the Library's budget requests had been approved by the City Manager and would be included in the proposed budget that would go before City Council in June.

F. Commissioner Reports

F1. Individual commissioner reports

Commissioner Bugna reported that the Friends of the Library annual meeting would be held on June 11th at 1:15PM

F2. Informal sharing of audio/digital/print books currently reading

- Hadrovic: Last days of Café Leila by Donia Bijan
 - Lost Child by Ferrante
- Pandey: Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty
 - The Golden House by Salman Rushdie
- Lemons: You are a Badass at Making Money by Jen Sincero
- Szegda: Good Omens by Pratchett and Gaiman
- Chambers: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
 - Boy Called Bat by Elana Arnold
 - The Highly Sensitive Child by Elaine Aron

G. Adjournment

Chair Lemons adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.