



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2021

(As approved at the regular meeting of March 18, 2021)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on February 4, 2021 virtually and telephonically pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Sixteenth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency dated February 25, 2020. The purpose of the orders is to provide the safest environment for all persons consistent with San Francisco Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer No. C19-07e and current public health recommendations, while allowing the public to observe and address the Commission.

The regular meeting of the San Francisco Library Commission was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Huang, Lee, López, Mall, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi, Wolf and Ono.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of Library Users commented.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 FYs 2022 AND 2023 BUDGET

Explanatory document: [FYs 2022 and 2023 Budget presentation](#)

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, said in he had trouble with the technology joining the meeting. He commented that the Library should consider the needs of people who don't have access to computers and the internet and how the lack of access to the Library and Library services impacts them.

Commission Discussion

Heather Green, SFPL CFO reviewed the FY 2022 and 2023 Budget and the funding priorities for the Library, commenting there were no changes to the budget from the January presentation. The FY 22 and 23 Budget required a decision from the Commission on the two options for the overall budget. Heather Green outlined how the Library's budget priorities would help with the City's economic

recovery and which option provided SFPL with greater flexibility in our current environment where there are a lot of unknowns.

Public Comment:

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, libraryusers2004@yahoo.com Commented about the lack of page numbers for people following the budget presentation by phone. Mr. Warfield commented about a reduction in the collections projected in the budget.

Commissioner Wolf expressed her appreciation for the budget presented and giving the Commission options to be flexible and pivot when necessary. Wolf expressed support for budget option one.

Commissioner Huang shared the same perspective and support for option one of the budgets presented.

Motion: By Commissioner Wolf to adopt the budget presented with option one seconded by Commissioner Mall.

Commissioner Lee voiced support for the flexibility in budget option one. He also asked if there were economic indicators that could illustrate how the city is doing. Heather Green said there is not an established set of indicators but believed city leaders were working on that.

Commissioner Ono shared her support for budget option one.

Action: Ayes 7-0 (Huang, Ono, Lee, López, Mall, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 CITY LIBRARIANS REPORT

Michael Lambert, City Librarian, gave a presentation and updates on recent Library activities and made announcements. The following topics were covered: SFPL COVID-19 Response; DCYF Partnership – Community Hubs; Night of Ideas; and Effie Lee Morris Lecture.

Randy McClure gave an update on the Library's COVID-19 response in which he outlined the expanded services and resources available during the pandemic with a new Library service model. Randy reported about the Library's role in the last election.

Michael Lambert, City Librarian gave an update on the Library's partnership with DCYF providing Community Hubs for learning. The Library expanded the number of Hubs to include Golden Gate Valley Branch Library and plans to launch the Sunset and Ortega branches in the near future.

Michelle Jeffers, Chief of Community Programs and Partnerships shared information about the Night of Ideas Program, which was a virtual event this year because of the pandemic. 5000 people participated in the event.

Lyn Davidson, Fisher Children's Center Manager presented the 25th Annual Effie Lee Lecture series. This year the series is featuring author Jason Reynolds.

Explanatory documents: [SFPL COVID-19 Response presentation](#); [Community Hubs presentation](#); [Community Hubs presentation](#); [Night of Ideas presentation](#); [Effie Lee Morris Lecture presentation](#)

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, thanked everyone for the presentations. He said the Library's services have been drastically reduced.

Marciel Gamino-Murphy commented on the important work of the Library staff and thanked branch teams for their amazing work in the elections, serving as Disaster Workers and serving in the Community Hubs.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Mall said the Librarian's Report demonstrated the work the staff has been doing and how the Library branches have been put to work. She said the Library staff has done an incredible job under difficult circumstances and it is a testimony to their resilience and flexibility.

Commissioner Lee commended the staff and leadership team for their versatility, dedication and professionalism.

Commissioner Lopez thanked staff for the presentations and work. Commissioner Lopez asked for a future report out of types of books checked out, specifically from the bilingual collection.

Vice President Huang commented that the reports given show clearly that the Library has served as an essential backstop for the city. The grit of the staff in adapting the system is amazing work.

President Wardell-Ghirarduzzi thanked the City Librarian and his team, commenting that they have done a remarkable job and today's presentation demonstrated what makes the SFPL so special.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, Expressed said he is not Caller Number 8 and thought his previous comments recorded in the minutes did not reflect accurately what he said.

Commission Discussion

President Wardell-Ghirarduzzi asked for a motion on approval of the January 21, 2021 minutes.

Motion: By Commissioner Mall, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the [Minutes of January 21, 2021](#).

Action: Ayes 7-0 (Huang, Lee, López, Mall, Ono, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF JOHANNA GOLDSCHMID, FORMER SFPL LIBRARIAN

President Wardell-Ghirarduzzi introduced Michael Lambert, City Librarian to close the meeting in honor of Johanna Goldschmid a former SFPL Librarian. Mr. Lambert gave a short eulogy of Johanna Goldschmid's career at the Library and beyond.

Explanatory document: [Johanna Goldschmid Obituary](#)

Public Comment

Andrea Grimes commented how thrilled she was to be at the meeting talking about Johanna Goldschmid. She was her successor in the Book Arts and Special Collection Center. Johanna was an exemplar in SFPL service.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, said he unfortunately did not know Johanna Goldschmid well but her life reminds him of the movie It's a Wonderful Life.

Marciel commented that when she started at the Library, she and Johanna both received staff recognition at the same time. She was amazing and is glad that she knew her.

Marti Goddard commented on their great respect for Johanna, who was a beloved friend. Marti said Johanna met every person who approached her desk with a smile.

Motion: By Commissioner Mall, seconded by Commissioner Huang to adjourn the meeting of February 4, 2021 in memory of Johanna Goldschmid.

Action: Ayes 7-0 (Ono, Wolf, Lopez, Lee, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi, Huang and Mall)

The meeting ended at 6:27 p.m.

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Copies of the minutes and handouts are available in the office of the Library Commission Affairs Analyst, 6th floor, Main Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-4733.

Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the Commission Liaison Affairs Analyst/Custodian of Records, 6th floor, Main Library; (2) in the rear of Koret Auditorium immediately prior to, and during, the meeting; and (3), to the extent possible, on the Public Library Commission webpage: sfpl.org/library-commission/public-notices/agendas. Additional materials not listed as explanatory documents on this agenda, if any, that are distributed to Library Commissioners prior to or during the meeting in connection with any agenda item will be available to the public for inspection and copying in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.1 and Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.9, 67.28(b), and 67.28(d).