



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2020

(As approved at the regular meeting of October 15, 2020.)

The [San Francisco Public Library Commission](#) held a regular meeting on September 17, 2020 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 meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

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

Default Library Commission Secretary: Michael Lambert, City Librarian

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association at libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, said in general, he wanted to say that the web opportunity basically broke privacy. He said to watch on Webex, it appeared for what he had seen, that you needed to allow cookies, and that you needed to provide a bunch of information which was not required and should not be required by law. He said people who might want to comment anonymously without giving their name and so on and without giving anything up of value might want to do so. He said at last month's meeting, he once again, at the adjournment period said what he had said many times before, that the Library Commission should not end the meeting without insisting that there would be an item on every agenda item in future, for the opportunity to say what things they would like to see on the agenda. He said there followed one of the commissioners commenting on a letter that he had received and made extensive comment on something that was not on the agenda and wasn't anything that he had mentioned. He said in effect, proving his point, that would have been the very moment when such an agenda item would have been the appropriate one at which to raise questions about receiving letters, how the library was doing with respect to its service for the public and the opportunity to make public comment. He said unfortunately, they're still having very slow conversion into any library service. He said he thought only five libraries were providing any service, and it's very limited service and that seemed to him, painfully slow and exacerbated by the learning hubs, which certainly were doing what seemed like a worthwhile goal but were doing so at the cost of library service for everyone, including the students and the second general thing was that there's no service standard for Library To Go. He said he was told at one point that his book would be one to two months additional to the six weeks he had been waiting, and then the next day, he was told it would be available for another

week or so. He said when discussing handouts, please point out page numbers and who's speaking; it's very hard to follow especially when you're only on the telephone, as he was.

An anonymous caller said he believed the San Francisco Public Library had failed to fulfill its legal and administrative duties to provide the same level of service to all San Francisco Public Library patrons. He said the issue was one of equity and the most egregious example of this failure was the library's practice of sending out via email numerous announcements, which had been the case since March, which the library administration had failed to send out to tens of thousands of library patrons who did not have internet access. He said it constituted a major failure of the library to do its legal and administrative duties. He said there's great concern in the Mission district, where the main library on 4th Street had been closed for renovation for at least the next year. He said as far as he knew, the library had made no plans to provide any substitute service to the north Mission and the central Mission districts as they did many, many years ago when there was some lesser renovation going on. He said the level of service with and without internet had been an ongoing issue that predated the virus and could only be solved with a mandate from a court of law because the Commission and the City Librarian had failed to address this issue. He said unfortunately, the Library Commission seemed to be mostly just a rubber stamp for the City Librarian and very rarely did the Library Commission provide any critical perspective on the impact of library services and the lack thereof to the patrons, citizens and taxpayers of San Francisco. He urged the Library Commission to understand that it had a duty to fulfill, which it was not doing.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 MISSION BRANCH LIBRARY RENOVATION

Michael Lambert, City Librarian, said it had been a little over a year since they last presented at the July 18, 2019 Library Commission meeting to highlight the status of the Branch Capital Projects and one of the bright spots of this year had been the continued progress of the library's plans for the major renovation of the historic Mission Branch Library which was fully funded in previous budget cycles. He said in recent weeks, they had achieved some notable milestones that staff were looking forward to sharing. He introduced Cathy Delneo, Chief of Branches, who had been shepherding this project and Andy Sohn, Public Works Architect.

Cathy Delneo, Chief of Branches and Andy Sohn, Public Works Architect gave a presentation on the updates of the Mission Branch Library Renovation. The following topics were covered: Mission Branch Renovation Goals such as – Restore Meeting Room, Create Dedicated Teen Space, Restore Historic Reading Room, Improve Staff Sightlines, Restore Original Floor Plan, Seismic Upgrades, etc.; Community Engagement; Completed Required Approvals from the San Francisco Arts Commission; Upcoming Milestones; Building History – Original Exterior on 24th and Bartlett Streets, Original Interior, 1914 Ground Floor Plan's Primary Architectural Elements, 1997 Renovated Ground Floor Plan; Neighborhood Context – Site Context, Sidewalk Views; Landscape Design – Landscape Plan, Site Plan, Streetscape Perimeter, Plant Palette, Active Entry Space, Sections, Bartlett Street Elevation, 24th Street Elevation; Building Design – Design Goals, Proposed Floor Plans-Basement, Ground Floor, Main Floor, Roof, Community Room's Interior Views, Main Stair, New Addition-Teen Room Views, Exterior Elevations-24th Street, Orange Alley, Building Datums-New Addition, Building Sections, 24th Street and Bartlett Street (Primary Historic Facades), View from Valencia Street, Orange Alley Addition and Material Palette.

Explanatory document: [Mission Branch Renovation](#)

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association at libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, said he had to say this was a gigantic disappointment. He said starting out with the mechanics, he didn't hear what the document was that was going to be read from. He said the document had no page numbers and for those who were on the phone weren't even told, what the heading was on the page number. He said with respect to the design, it was his understanding that the old grand stairway would be restored because it was presumably still in place and not demolished. He said

this building had a tremendously dramatic and beautiful entrance. He said you entered through a modest door and before you, was this grand stairway. He said his understanding was that this would be restored because as Mr. Sohn said, the renovation as far as he's concerned was a crime. He asked the following questions: What's the number of books? How about some specifics? Why don't we have any book count as to how many books are going to be accommodated? He said another thing that's missing completely was alternate service and he didn't see one word about alternate service and that would be another crime. He said this was one of the largest libraries serving a big community and it should have alternate service for the whole time that it's closed for construction.

Marie Ciepiela, Executive Director, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, said it's pretty incredible and beautiful and what a change to the use of the building. She said she's just really grateful and it's just a piece of joy in the mantle of difficult times. She thanked Cathy and the architect. She said on the issue of accessibility, and people having difficulty getting things during the period of renovation, they're here and they're open to any kind of ideas in which they could help in any way for materials, WiFi, anything for that neighborhood because they knew it's a high need neighborhood as many were across the city.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Wolf said it's really exciting and she thanked the staff and architectural team who were given a really big lift from a very extensive community outreach program and it's impressive, exciting and responsive. She thanked the team for their innovation, creativity and really pushing the boundaries. She asked a couple of quick questions: The dimensions of the addition, what are the width and length? She said she loved the idea of the garden, the gated area in front. What happens in inclement weather for the stroller parking?

Andy Sohn, Public Works Architect, estimated it's about 15 feet wide and it's sort of the length of the building.

Commissioner Wolf said she was just curious about what that width was. She said she really loved how, for the teens, that the historical façade would become part of their environment so that history would come alive for them.

Cathy Delneo, Chief of Branches, said at the branches right now, everybody's bringing all the strollers in all of the time and there's kind of just a traffic jam of strollers on the way back to the children's room. So in inclement weather, they're anticipating that probably, the strollers would be coming into the branch, but at least it's a more spacious area for people to bring in the strollers. She said probably, the children's grown-ups would bring their strollers into the meeting room directly.

Commissioner Wolf said she wanted to conclude by saying thank you. She said this really was a great opportunity to refurbish and to rethink the historic fabric of this very important structure in our city. She said it was unfortunate that certain decisions were made in the 1997 renovation, but she felt like the original character was being embraced and an enormous resource was being brought back to the community and expanding it.

Commissioner Lee thanked Cathy Delneo and Andy Sohn for the presentation and particularly the listing of the renovation goals. He asked about the solar panel: How much does the solar panel supply to the energy need of the branch? Is it zero or would it be feeding back to the grid?

Andy Sohn, Public Works Architect, said it would be grid tied but there would be battery back-up. He said he didn't have the exact data. He said it would not supply all of the power required for the branch. He said that would be a very large system but the intent was that they could do peak saving for energy high demand times and they could also have battery back-up for some limited amount of building utilization in the event of power outages. He said he should have mentioned

during the presentation that the city had initiatives that had come into play after they'd done the design for this building which had to do with the electrification of all city facilities. (Electrification means there will be no natural gas appliances, no water heaters, no gas stoves or anything that uses natural gas on future city buildings.) He said this building would be fully electrified and the solar panels would fit into that schema.

Commissioner Mall said she thought that the design, the way that it incorporated the old with the new was very well done and really quite exciting. She said she loved that it's air-conditioned, that there's a teen center other than the Main Library and she loved the landscaping, too. She said instead of bringing those strollers in, she asked if they could build like some kind of a garage that's just not really a three-door garage. She said she had been at the library when it's story hour and it's a mob scene, so that was just a point. She also asked: Are there other libraries that have a teen center or will this be the first of the branches?

Cathy Delneo, Chief of Branches, said regarding the teen centers, the branches that were renovated through the Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) all had a teen area; there's space in those branches for teens specifically. She said Chinatown, Ocean View and Mission Branches which were not renovated through the BLIP didn't really have the dedicated teen area. She said that this particular teen area was really a special one that Andy and the team of Public Works had designed because it's separated architecturally; it's a real room for the teens. She said she liked the way Commissioner Mall think about the stroller parking. She said the Historic Preservation Commission and the Civic Design Review folks were really particular about the specific look of this corner because it's the historic view on the branch, it took a lot of design thinking to swing them around to the idea of having the fenced-in garden zone. She said Andy and his team originally had planned an addition on that side which would have been covered bur that wasn't something that they were as open to for historic preservation and design purposes.

Andy Sohn, Public Works Architect, said the elevations on 24th Street and on Bartlett Street were considered the primary historic facades and in rehabilitation scenario, they were allowed to expand on the Orange Alley side only.

Commissioner Mall said she loved the teen center's set-up at the Main Library. She said you had to be between certain ages and certain hours and adults didn't even bother walking in. She asked if it's going to be that kind of a teen center or was it going to be just a separate center for teens?

Cathy Delneo, Chief of Branches, said they're anticipating that the hours when the teens were present, it would be a space really dedicated for those teens. She said at other times of the day, if other people wanted to sit-in there, they wouldn't want to not be gracious hosts to seniors trying to read the newspaper in the morning, but definitely at other times of the day that the teens were present, they would have the space dedicated for their use and the collection for that space would be geared to the teens and the furnishings as well.

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi thanked Cathy Delneo and Andy Sohn for the work that was presented. She said she had one final question to make sure that they had done their due diligence in responding that this process that was undertaken had really captured what was heard in the community and stakeholder meetings and if there was any part of this plan that was presented to the Library Commission that did not respond to information that would have been received from the community, whether it was during a formal stakeholder community meeting or informally. She said it's important for the Commission to understand exactly how SFPL responded to the input from the community and the various stakeholders.

Michael Lambert, City Librarian, said they had a very robust community engagement process and they would continue to engage the community fully about this project at every opportunity. He added that they heard some public comment earlier about temporary library spaces and he wanted to assure the community that they're committed to providing library service to the Mission neighborhood during the construction. He said prior to the public health emergency, they had been in discussions with City College about locating a temporary library space on the grounds of their Mission campus but it had obviously changed now in a Covid world. He said furthermore, City College had a transition in leadership. He said his discussion had been with Chancellor Rocha, who's no longer there. He said there's an interim chancellor, and they'd reach out, and they're also contingency planning for other opportunities and potential spaces. He said he just wanted to assure the community that there would be library services during the duration of this construction project.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Michael Lambert, City Librarian, gave a presentation on SFPL To Go Update. The following topics were covered: The Positive Experience with SFPL To Go Service; The Launching of SFPL To Go at Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial, Marina, Merced and Mission Bay on September 1st; Preparation for Reopening by SFPL's Resilient Staff; Delighted Patrons Picking Up Their Requested Items; Book drops Seeing a Steady Amount of Returns; Statistics on Total Number of Visitors Since Opening-Since opening the doors for SFPL To Go, SFPL had seen 7,433 patrons visit the six open locations through September 8th.; Hourly Visitor Count; Circulation Statistics; The Main Library, Chinatown/Him Mark Lai Branch and Mission Bay Branch as Air Respite and Cooling Centers; Next SFPL To Go Sites (Target Date: The week of October 12th) – Chinatown/Him Mark Lai Branch, Ortega Branch and Visitacion Valley Branch; Partnership with SFUSD to Offer Mobile Outreach Services as Pop-Up Locations at John O'Connell High School, Jose Ortega Elementary and Willie Brown Middle School; Bookmobile will be at Treasure Island on Wednesdays.

Michael Lambert, City Librarian, also provided a brief report on the status of the Community Hubs. He said in review, the Community Hubs initiative was announced by Mayor Breed to provide neighborhood-based, safe and clean spaces accessible for youth to be more successful with their academic achievement. He said as discussed last month, the Community Hubs were sites equipped with connectivity and staff to support youth with their distance learning and the social and emotional supports school-age children needed. He said SFPL had the infrastructure for trained youth development professionals from Community Based Organizations to come in and manage and operate our libraries as hubs. He said as a reminder, SFPL staff would not be there to deliver the actual program but to serve as gracious hosts. He said he's pleased to report that he had productive discussions with SFPL's labor partners, SEIU 1021. He said over the course of the past month, the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), had adjusted their plans to take a more phased approach to launching the various sites around the city. He said as it pertained to the library, DCYF initially identified 15 library locations but they had since ruled out Glen Park and Potrero as viable sites, and just this week, they added Anza and Portola to the locations being returned to SFPL, which would leave several remaining options for future phases of activation. He said from media reports this week, the hubs successfully launched at 45 sites around the city placing approximately 800 youth in week one. He said SFPL would continue to work closely with DCYF and would remain poised to support the success of these Community Hubs.

Lia Hillman, 4th Floor Manager, gave a presentation on Work It. The following topics were covered: The Business, Science and Technology Center's Focus-Support Job and Career Seekers, Personal Finance Needs and Small Business Owners Through Resources Located on SFPL's Web pages; Programming-Jobs and Career Programs, Partnership with the Local Division of the State Employment Development Department's Monthly Program on Resume Writing and Interviewing Essentials, and How to Get a State Job; San Francisco Reserve's First Impressions Programs-Senior Community Service Employment, Age as an Asset and Reference USA; Other Programs Independent of EDD-Career Coaching, Resume Coaching and Interviewing Coaching; Financial

Planning Day-SFPL's Annual October Event Offering Personal Finance Coaching; Partnership with the Office of Financial Empowerment to Offer Smart Money Coaching; Exploring Virtual Programming with the Office of Small Business; Partnership with the Heart of the City's Farmers Market; Partnership with Reference USA to Teach Business Owners How to Use Their Database such as U.S. Business and Consumer Modules; Partnership with Candid's Foundation Directory; Other Business, Science and Technology Web Pages for Business, Personal and Finance Resources Including Covid Local Resources and Business Databases Finance; Inquiries into the Business, Science and Technologies Center at busscitech@sfpl.org.

Michael Lambert, City Librarian, said he's super proud to announce that the San Francisco Public Library's Talking Books and Braille Center (TBBC) had been recognized by the Library of Congress – National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) for outstanding service to visually or physically disabled readers. He acknowledged the leadership of Tom Fortin, Chief of the Main Library and Marti Goddard, Access Services Manager, but particularly the leadership of Jane Glasby, who embodied the very best of the San Francisco Public Library's values for equitable access, diversity and inclusion.

Jane Glasby, Talking Books and Braille Center Program Manager, shared the following about TBBC's accomplishment:

- This annual prize is awarded by the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled.
- The Talking Books and Braille Center at San Francisco Public Library was awarded Sub-regional Library of the Year for 2019.

She started by thanking colleagues from SFPL across the divisions for support in their work. She said that in particular, because she believed they stood out in the network of libraries across the country and overseas territories for reasons associated with the fact that they were part of SFPL - a lot of patron visits in person because SFPL's location at a transit hub; great programming and exhibitions including music jams, book clubs, audio-described movies, craft, games, Braille storytimes, tech workshops and school visits, offering intensive 1:1 attention to patrons. She said since mid-April, about a month after the shutdown, they picked up their work and continued from a distance and they had made an effort to contact every one of their patrons, helping them through email and the phone to download talking books and they'd been sending out digital talking books on cartridges through the USPS all from the shelter of their homes. She said they had also begun offering virtual programs and there were plans for more participatory programming coming soon. She congratulated all who participated on Webex. She said Zoom was more accessible, but many people didn't have internet. She said they're working to get the ability to dial out to their patrons which should increase participation across the whole SFPL system. She acknowledged TBBC's team, past and present: Marti Goddard, Access Services Manager; Tom Fortin, Chief of Main; Librarians-Tom Duffy, Nell Jehu, Erin Facey, Julieta Fox (Ingleside) and James Mabe stepping up from Deaf Services; Library Technical Assistants-Ricardo Cisneros and Jane Friesen; Pages-Kenya Dumetz, Yelena Katkova, Hector Escarraman and Cinthya Hernandez (Bernal); Braille Transcriber and tech wizard-Liz Phillips; and Guide Dog-Cambrie.

Explanatory documents: [DCYF Partnership Community Hubs](#); [Work It press release](#); [Work It Virtual Programs presentation](#); [Library of Congress National Library Service](#); [Library and Outreach Center of the Year Award](#)

Public Comment

Charlie Dorris, Vice President of the Talking Book and Braille Center Advisory Committee said they're not surprised at the TBBC's winning this award because the heart and soul of any organization were its people and the staff at the TBBC provided a safe and welcoming place for disabled people. He said it's a rare culture that they had created there that would create a "can do attitude" for people requesting information and patrons would leave the TBBC with their dignity, self-respect and independence reaffirmed. He said that they're very proud to work with the TBBC staff and he also acknowledged the staff at the SFPL because without their support, the advisory

committee could do not nearly as much.

An anonymous caller said it's very hard to hear how much disservice SFPL was practicing for the tens of thousands of San Francisco patrons who did not have internet. He said all of these services were wonderful for people who had the internet. He said SFPL could not just ignore them and pretend that they were not here. He congratulated SFPL for providing service to the deaf community but not to the rest of them. He said even more disgraceful was how the rest of them would know what the library was providing. He said SFPL needed to take as a model when there was the intense pollution recently, SFPL had the Latino Room open to the public where patrons could use a WiFi connection if they brought their own computer. He said this could be a model where SFPL could provide internet service to thousands of San Francisco patrons who didn't have internet. He said he didn't know why SFPL wasn't doing that but he's very offended that they're being ignored. He said he found it very strange that the library was doing the job of the San Francisco Unified School District and it's taking services away from library patrons. He said it's wonderful that the children were being served but that's not the job of the SFPL. He said all of the awards the SFPL was getting were not for serving people who were not on the internet. He said these were awards the SFPL was getting to provide services for people on the internet.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association at libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, said he would love to talk with Jane Glasby. He said the previous speaker was very correct that over a hundred thousand people in San Francisco didn't have computer access. He said 19,000 San Francisco Library cardholders had requested written notices and only one notice was sent about the closure and the reopening to those people on the mailing list and many updates and informational notices to people on email. He said the people who didn't have access should not be forgotten; it's a question of equity and the most affected were the minorities, the poorest and the oldest. He said he found it really offensive that all of these important items core to the library's function were on a single agenda item. He said he supposed that served, maybe the City Librarian's purpose or the Chair's by limiting public comment but not limiting the library's comment. He said it's terrific to hear the librarian talk about the award for the blind program and even the architecture of the building actually incorporated something to help guide the blind folks to the room where the blind services were provided. He said he was very pleased to hear that Jane Glasby was saying that Webex had problems and that some people didn't have access to a computer. He said he wished that the Library Commission and the City Librarian would make that public announcement awareness and adjust accordingly. The opening, he said, omitted was how long it would take to get a book, why there was a book limit, only giving circulating materials from the library that happened to be open and there's no provision, no planning for newspapers and magazines, leaving them in these perilous times and these information-jammed times to basically be stuck with the web or whatever they could dig around and afford to purchase. He asked where's the comparison with the normal circulation of millions. He said of course, it's hooray and of course, they're glad that there's service, even however partial and hoped that it would continue.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Ono said as she had mentioned before, she loved this part of the agenda; it's a chance to thank the SFPL staff for everything that they had done in incredible times, but also just on a normal basis. She said just getting the award for the TBBC was a prime example. She also thanked all of the staff who had been doing SFPL To Go, and also the air respite centers. She said last week was horrendous and she was so glad that there were other locations that people could go to, to get fresh air, so she applauded the staff as always. She said she loved Work It and it's so timely that SFPL was doing this program because one of her nephews was told he was laid off, so she's going to be referring him to go to some of these seminars. But again, she said the library was not doing the work of the school district but it's collaborating with the school district which she said was a great service for the students and the city.

Commissioner Lee said he liked all the presentations and congratulated the TBBC team. About

Work It, he said all of these functions were very important in this difficult time, and when there's so many that's being provided, it's an excellent value that's being offered. He said there were 240 who applied to the program, and only 96 attended and he's wondering whether that was typical or was it people were signing up because it's free and therefore, they didn't care. He said he liked the SFPL To Go update numbers. His last comment was acknowledgement about a group that probably felt very left behind. He said he's sure that the staff and management team were also wrecking their brains to try to see how it could be accommodated with a proper balance of being saved, as well as providing access. He said it's not an easy problem to solve, however, he wanted to acknowledge that he had heard the public comment about those without internet and feeling left behind.

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi thanked the City Librarian and all the people who provided input on this particular report. She said she wanted to particularly congratulate Jane Glasby for the remarkable leadership that she had shown the patrons as well as the residents and community members. She said being acknowledged by the highest authority, the Library of Congress, was such a significant honor that Jane had brought to our city. She thanked Jane for her leadership and the way that she had continued to put the needs of those who were oftentimes marginalized and excluded day in and day out in society.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2020 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association at libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, said that several times during this meeting, although he pressed *3 to raise his hand for comment on the next item, he was informed that at some point in a very hard to hear and hard to understand when people were talking in the background at the meeting, that his hand had been lowered. He said he did not press *3 to lower it. He said he repeatedly pressed *3 if he heard that queue and that's not something that you were describing into your instructions for people. He said while he appreciated if the City Librarian might have intended to be helpful by including Library Users Association's address, they never said that. He said they only gave their email address and it didn't begin with an ampersand sign. He said they never gave their mailing address which he would have given if he wanted to. He said it's fiction and it's something that's been created and it's very problematic. He said he didn't know why it was done and it might be that the City Librarian thought it would be helpful. He said there also seemed to be a problem. He said he seemed to be a "they" or "them" on occasion, rather than "he." He said it seemed like both were being used and it would be useful to be consistent. He said at one point, it said that he said that the library's essential and that it should be essential. He said, in fact, he said that it appeared that it's not considered essential by the library or by the city, but it should be considered essential and that would make sense out of that particular comment. He said there's a range of matters unfortunately he hadn't been able to make as careful notes as he would have liked to, but it's worth having accurate minutes and not create stuff that somebody did not actually say.

Motion: By Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Ono, to approve the [Minutes of August 20, 2020 Library Commission Meeting](#).

Action: AYES 6-0: (Huang, Lee, Mall, Ono, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF ANN ISELY

Michael Lambert, City Librarian, said he appreciated the opportunity to pay tribute this evening to one of San Francisco Public Library's beloved staff. This past August, the San Francisco Public Library family lost librarian Ann Isely. Her passing was highly unexpected and a shock to her SFPL colleagues. It was just this past July when Ann was given a shout-out as one of the library's recent

retirees at the All Staff Meeting. Ann faithfully served the San Francisco Public Library for over 27 years, most recently as a librarian in the Arts, Music and Recreation Center on the 4th Floor of the Main Library. In her [obituary](#), Ann was said to have led a very courageous life, yet always kept her sense of humor, style and passion for the arts. She had an infectious laugh that would brighten up any room. After graduating from the University of California San Diego, she received her master's degree of Library and Information Sciences from San Jose State University. He said he had the opportunity to participate in a celebration of Ann's life a couple of weeks ago and learned so much about her zest for life and music. He said she clearly touched many people's lives, including her colleagues at the San Francisco Public Library. He thanked the commissioners for their consideration of adjourning the Library Commission meeting this evening in her memory.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association at libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, said he certainly agreed adjourning in honor of Ann Isely. He said it's always terrific to honor a librarian, especially one of the long serving ones that San Francisco Public Library had. He said the librarians were actually one of the most wonderful assets of the library and one of the biggest pleasures of going to the library. He said he occasionally would say that the librarian was the best search engine and the Art and Music Department was one of his favorite places and it always seemed a pleasure to go and it had been well run. He said he certainly wanted to chime in with adjourning in honor of one of the long serving San Francisco Public librarians, and especially in that department.

Motion: By Commissioner Huang, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the September 17, 2020 Library Commission Meeting in Memory of Ann Isely.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Huang, Lee, Mall, Ono, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf)

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Executive Assistant

Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the Commission Secretary/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's website <http://sfpl.org>. 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).