San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of JULY 21, 2022

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on **JULY 21, 2022** virtually and at the Koret Auditorium, Main Library pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (e) and Mayor Breed's 45th Supplement to her February 25, 2020 emergency proclamation

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

Commissioners Present: Wolf, Ono, Lomax Ghirarduzzi, López, and Bolander.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

Explanatory Document: Findings Resolution

Public Comment

An anonymous commenter said that the resolution is inappropriate and the Commission is not subject to the Mayor's resolution, is not subject to the Brown Act and can't decide to make findings for a remote meeting when the Mayor said a remote meeting is not necessary.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of Library Users Association, Libraryusers2004@yahoo.com said there has been no discussion and no findings of fact with regards to law or with regard to circumstances and the item says you are going to have a discussion and possible action but you are not and there doesn't seem as though there is the emergency that caused the remote meetings to start.

Motion: By Commissioner **LOMAX GHIRARDUZZI,** seconded by Commissioner **BOLANDER** to Adopt the Resolution of Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953 (e).

Action: AYES 5-0 (Wolf, Ono, Lomax Ghirarduzzi, López, and Bolander)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

General Public Comment

An anonymous Public Commenter said stop the hate, stop the violence, don't give money to the Friends of the Library, or accept money from the Friends of the Library. He said he attended this meeting for 38 years and the private partnership depends on a wall of lies. He asked why the Library does not take up resolutions on expenditures anymore.

Peter Warfield said recent events have made privacy much more of an important and in some cases deadly potential issue for everyone. He said the Library has ignored or changed the rules on privacy and weakened it repeatedly and there has been no privacy audit.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 DISCUSSION on DIGITAL STRATEGIES

City Librarian Michael Lambert introduced CIO, Michael Liang, who presented the Library Digital Strategies, which is created around the mission statement of free and equal access. Liang outlined the different digital strategies the Library uses to provide patron access including printing, laptop lending program, free internal and external wi-fi, the different mobile apps and virtual programs made available during the pandemic, and those that continue to be virtual and in-person like Tech Week.

Explanatory Document: Digital Strategies Presentation

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said we have heard a lot about internals and fantastic stuff, and the library is working toward what the public really wants but has not seen any indication that the public has been asked what it really wants and said he is skeptical of what is being pie in the sky. He said the new printing, scanning and faxing system is a failure.

Commission Discussion

President Wolf thanked Michael Liang for the presentation.

Commissioner Bolander asked if the Library has a Cyber Threat Plan.

Michael Liang responded that the Library does have a continuity and redundancy plan and backup. Liang said that with an attack the IT team could have the Library up and running within 72 hours, where it used to take up to ten days.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Christina Mitra, James Hormel LGBTQIA Program Manager, presented the programs and partnerships offered during Pride Month like Drag Queen Story Hour and Queer Mystery Writers Panel. Mitra said SFPL participated in the Pride Parade, which for the first time in two years it was back in person and she

outlined the Inaugural Drag Laureate program and how the Library will celebrate Pride all year long.

Jaime Wong, Public Relations Officer presented an update on the SFPL Explorer Map, which was recognized as "Best in Show" for the California Library Association's Public Relations Excellence Award.

Kate Patterson reported the Library is partnering with the San Francisco Art Commission to host four Artists in Residence at the Main Library this summer. Patterson said she would be back to the Commission with additional details as each Artist conceives of their project.

City Librarian, Michael Lambert gave an overview of the ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition, held in Washington, DC from June 23-28, 2022.

Explanatory Document: SF Pride Month; SFPL Explorer Map Update; SFPL Artists in Residence Program; 2022 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition

Public Comment

No Public Comment was given.

Commission Discussion

President Wolf thanked the presenters and said the incredible honors the Library has been given it continues to be a leader in the country.

Wolf asked Kate Patterson if the Artists in Residence might present to the Commission at some point. Patterson said absolutely.

Commissioner Lomax Ghirarduzzi thanked the staff for all of their work being done over the course of this time where there have been critical issues.

Commissioner Lopez said this year has been extremely tough coming out of a pandemic and there has been excitement around the events the Library has planned and knows it has not been easy. Lopez said she is still working on the Explorer Map and enjoys learning about all the different unique histories of the branches.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE16, 2022

Public Comment

No Public Comment was given.

Commission Discussion

Motion: By Commissioner **ONO,** seconded by Commissioner **LOMAX GHIRARDUZZI** to approve the June 16, 2022 Commission Minutes

Action: AYES 5-0 (Wolf, Ono, Lomax Ghirarduzzi, López, and Bolander)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 ADJOURNMENT OF THE July 21, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING IN Honor of Mary Armentrout, former SFPL staff member

City Librarian Lambert gave remarks in remembrance of Mary Armentrout.

Public Comment
No Public Comment was given

Commission Discussion

Motion: By Commissioner **LOPEZ,** seconded by Commissioner **ONO** to adjourn the meeting in honor of Mary Armentrout.

Action: AYES 5-0 (Wolf, Ono, Lomax Ghirarduzzi, López, and Bolander)

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM
Margot Shaub - Commission Affairs Analyst

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).