



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting SEPTEMBER 19 2024, at the Latino Hispanic Meeting Room, Main Library and able to view virtually on Zoom.

The SFPL Commission meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

Commissioners Present: Wolf, Huang, Mall, Lopez, and Lomax Ghirarduzzi.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Ruben said that he was speaking as a resident of District 11 where the Ocean View Branch resides, and it is critical to take the long view of the new Oceanview landing occasion.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of Library Users Association Libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, PO Box 170544, San Francisco California 94117-0544, said spoke about the Maya Angelou ceremony and the expressed concern about the lack of publicity for the event.

Emily Garvie, Executive Director Friends of the Library, shared updates of Friends activities including hiring a Development Director.

Karsyn Kapur, Communications Manager Friends of the Library gave updates of Friends activities including their young library supporter group the Pacifics.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 15, 2024

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said the minutes did not represent or summarize what he has said.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Vice President **HUANG** seconded by Commissioner **LOPEZ** to approve the **AUGUST 2024** Commission Minutes.

Action: AYES 5-0 (Wolf, Huang, Lopez, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Lopez)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 STRATEGIC PLANNING PRESENTATION

Dolly Goyal, Chief of Public Services gave an update on the vision of the 2030 Strategic Planning Implementation.

Alice Kassinger, City Performance outlined the role City Performance will play in the Strategic Plan Implementation and an overview of the SPI Framework.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he didn't think the Strategic plan was great and its mission statement is completely vague as to what it means in specifics.

Ruben asked what role the Library workforce will have in the Strategic Planning implementation.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lomax Ghirarduzzi asked for more information on how the Strategic Planning Implementation timeframe and how it will move into the Phase 2 and the Roadmap Phase.

Kassinger replied Phase 1 will happen September-December and they should be heading into Phase 2 in January.

Vice President Huang asked what the Commission could expect from this work on a yearly basis. This is September to April, eight months of extra planning work and there's some room for change, how will that impact the planning and implementation. He said he doesn't want scenarios continue to change and then implementation stops as the roadmap is reshuffled.

Kassinger said they hope this work does not hold back or cause the limitation to any work they are doing now is not stopping or holding back any projects, and she would be surprised if over the course of six years priorities and timelines change and the commission should expect shifts and re-prioritization in timeline planning but not that work or implementing the process.

Randy McClure, Chief Research, Strategy & Analytics said this work that will happen in the next 6 to 8 months is to set them up for success for the next five years. Some of the work is already in progress The roadmap will help them work through that and also provide us with the tools we need to be adaptable, flexible and pivot on the fly as needed with the full knowledge of over five years some things will change.

President Wolf said that as part of this roadmap and structure it will be exciting to see how you will come back to us on a regular basis to share the success of what they are doing but also the challenges and perhaps failures so we can learn from that and pivot as needed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Allison Wyckoff, Director of Exhibitions and Megan Merritt, Senior Curator for Exhibitions gave a report on current Library exhibitions, which included Playing for Ourselves, Playing for a Revolution: A History of Queer Feminist Punk in San Francisco, Dear Sister Maya Angelou and The Banned Book List, California Installation.

Micelle Jeffers, Chief Community Programs & Partnerships, presented on Genny Lim, San Francisco's 9th Poet Laureate.

Michelle Jeffers presented about the Community Celebration and unveiling of a new monument honoring Dr. Maya Angelou: Portrait of A Phenomenal Women by Lava Thomas.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he is really glad to hear about what is going on at the library with respect to programs and anything else and he thought the monument was very beautiful.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Mall said she read in the paper that Senator Dianne Feinstein's archives and personal effects were being put up for auction and asked if the Library reaches out to people and ask for their things or do people ask if they want their things?

City Librarian Michael Lambert said it is mostly the latter and the Library has some funds the Friends Foundation and other resources that they use to proactively acquire collections. And will look into the Feinstein auction.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SETTLEMENT

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he thought there is a problem with transparency with regard to what actually is going on and what the closed session is for, and what the Library is consulting their legal counsel about.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **LOMAX GHIRARDUZZI** seconded by Vice President **HUANG** to go into Closed Session.

Action: AYES 5-0 (Wolf, Huang, Lopez, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Lopez)

Present during closed session were Margot Shaub, LCAAA; President Wolf; Vice President Huang,

Commissioners Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Lopez; City Librarian Michael Lambert; Chief Operating Officer Maureen Singleton and Deputy City Attorney Jen Huber.

Motion by Commissioner **MALL** and seconded from Commissioner **LOPEZ** to Recommend Approval of the Settlement to the Board of Supervisors.

Action: AYES 5-0 (Wolf, Huang, Lopez, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Lopez)

Motion by Vice President **HUANG** and seconded by Commissioner **LOMAX GHIRARDUZZI** to Not Disclose Closed Session Discussions.

Action: AYES 5-0 (Wolf, Huang, Lopez, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Lopez)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 ADJOURNMENT of SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 COMMISSION MEETING

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he the Commission should not adjourn until they have an item on items the Commission wants to see on future Commission agendas.

Commission Discussion

Motion: By VICE PRESIDENT **HUANG** seconded by Commissioner **MALL** to adjourn the meeting.

Action: AYES 5-0 (Wolf, Huang, Lopez, Mall, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Lopez)

The meeting adjourned at **6:07 PM**
Margot Shaub, Commission Affairs Analyst

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