



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of OCTOBER 17, 2024

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting OCTOBER 17, 2024, at the Koret Auditorium, 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, Ono, Lopez, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Bolander.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Emily Garvie, Executive Director Friends of the Library, shared updates of Friends activities including upcoming events.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of Library Users Association Libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, PO Box 170544, San Francisco California 94117-0544, said the Library promotes social media.

Jessica Parker introduced herself as the new Development Director for the Friends of the Library.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he is censored in the Minutes.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Ono requested an amendment to the Minutes.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **LOPEZ** seconded by Commissioner **LOMAX GHIRARDUZZI** to approve the **September 2024** Commission Minutes with an amendment.

Action: AYES 6-0 (Wolf, Huang, Ono, Lopez, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Bolander)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 VIVA! LATINX Heritage Month

Alejandro Gallegos, Community Engagement Manager, CPP gave a presentation on VIVA! Latinx Heritage Month and highlighted some of the Youth, Adult and Intergenerational programs offered.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he was happy to hear about the programming, which seemed to be rich and extensive programming.

Commission Discussion

City Librarian, Michael Lambert thanked the Friends for their support of VIVA!

President Wolf thanked staff for the presentation.

Commissioner Lopez said the Library puts these events on they are for everyone, and language is very important and appreciates that some of the programming is bilingual and thanked the Friends for sponsoring the events.

Commissioner Lomax Ghirarduzzi said VIVA! was phenomenal work and the focus on youth programming is important as it brings new people into the Library.

President Wolf said VIVA! has a great range of programs and it is really more than a month.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Illeana Pulu, Acting Youth Services Manager, CPP gave an overview of Summer Stride, which included 26,712 participants reading a total of 27,100,983 minutes.

Mel Reyes, Filipinx American Center Librarian, Jaena Rae Cabrera, Filipinx American Center Program Manager and Jen Woo, Family Engagement Coordinator, CPP gave an overview of the 7th Filipino American International Book Festival which began on October 1, 2024 and closed on Oct 13, 2024.

City Librarian Michael Lambert presented about the Library Book Stops, which enables SFPL to have Libraries beyond its buildings. The Book Kiosks are located at Treasure Island, Dogpatch, Hunters View and Sunnydale.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he thought Summer Stride was very interesting and appreciated the statistics, and asked why it looked like fewer people participated than in the year before COVID.

Eve Pena thanked the Library for Summer Stride, her family enjoyed and was very inspired by the chosen artist, which inspired her daughter to write a book.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lomax Ghirarduzzi said Summer Stride is the rockstar of the San Francisco Public Library and is grateful for the work done and having grown up in a Filipino American multi-cultural neighborhood understands the power of community stories.

Commissioner Bolander asked why the completion rate was so great.

Pulu responded she thought because they had been more intentional about finding participants and making sure they understand the program and know they can come back

Commissioner Ono said the Filipino American International Book Festival is the largest in the Country.

President Wolf thanked staff presenting and Friends for their support.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 ADJOURNMENT of SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 COMMISSION MEETING in MEMORY OF MARTIN PALEY

City Librarian Lambert paid tribute to Martin Paley who contributed so much both personally and professionally in support of the San Francisco Public Library

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he supported adjourning in honor of Martin Paley.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Bolander said Martin Paley was a family friend and a great man, he listened more than he talked.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **BOLANDER** seconded by Commissioner **ONO** to adjourn the October 17, 2024 Commission Meeting in memory of Martin Paley.

AYES 6-0 (Wolf, Huang, Ono, Lopez, Lomax Ghirarduzzi and Bolander)

The meeting adjourned at **5:54 PM**
Margot Shaub, Commission Affairs Analyst

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