



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2025

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting **MARCH 20, 2025**, 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, Lomax Ghirarduzzi, Lopez, and Bolander.

President Wolf presented the ancestral homeland acknowledgement of the Ramaytush Ohlone.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Warfield, Executive Director of Library Users Association Libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, PO Box 170544, San Francisco California 94117-0544, said we are living through some extraordinary times, and the country's history every institution and individual that looks after the public need for justice, safety, enrichment, education and more is under attack to the benefit of the super wealthy and corporations.

Emily Garvie, Executive Director, Friends of the Library, shared updates of Friends activities including applications for their Writers Residency are open and their signature event, Library laureates is on Saturday, May.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said his comments are drained of any meaning and the Library is omitting comments that are not rah rah for Library activities.

Ruben Juarez requested an edit to the Minutes.

Commission Discussion

Motion: Motion by Commissioner **LOMAX GHIRARDUZZI** seconded by **Vice President HUANG** to approve the **FEBRUARY 6, 2025** Commission Minutes with one edit.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Lisa Valerio, Capital Projects Manager, gave an update on the status of Capital Projects, including Mobile Services and High-Density Storage Facility, Main Library Roof Moat, and the Mission Bay, Ocean View and Chinatown Branch renovations.

Public Comment

20-year resident of the Oceanview Neighborhood said they were passionate about ideas for proposed locations of the Ocean View Branch Library and accessibility to the Library is very important, they want to be able to access the Library in their neighborhood.

Kayla, from District 3, said she is an enthusiastic supporter of the Chinatown Branch renovation and asked the Commission to fully fund it.

Peter Warfield said he wished he had the previous estimates, asked about the \$7 million dollars necessary to fix a leaky roof and what the current square footage of the Mission temporary site was.

Ruben Juarez, District 11 resident asked what the best sites were, and that Mike Fernandez should give another update on Budget.

Commission Discussion

President Wolf said this is an important discussion, the Commission is the steward of incredible facilities.

Commissioner Lomax Ghirarduzzi said it was a good time to talk about projects completed and asked about challenges in the supply chain and how that impacts capital projects.

John Cunha, Facilities Chief, responded that after COVID costs increased by 25% and equipment lead times are longer, which also increases costs.

President Wolf said initial cost estimates are done by others, SFPL is not involved in that process.

Commissioner Bolander asked if they had factored in the new proposed tariffs.

Cunha said they had not at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Michelle Jeffers, Chief, Community Programs & Partnership presented Women's History Month highlights, including books, youth and family programs, films and workshops. Jeffers said the bigger picture is that the Library lifts women up year-round not only in March.

City Librarian Michael Lambert presented the NBA Cares All-Star Day of Service with the Golden State Warriors, in which Draymond Green promoted the new SFPL Library card, and it was the first programmatic event that Mayor Lurie attended.

Public Comment

Peter Warfield said he was troubled by the cuts to IMLS and that is something for the Commission to be concerned about and the problem with the financial programs is he hasn't seen what the Library has for poor people.

Public Commenter said they have gotten emails for financial wellness programs but didn't see anything for them and

their situation.

Ruben Juarez said the presentations were wonderful and he wanted to draw attention to the Career Center at City Hall, it has been a year and it's a wonderful success.

Public Commenter said they wanted to make a pitch for one of the programs of the San Francisco Public Library called city guides which also emphasizes strong women and famous women

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lomax Ghirarduzzi thanked Michelle Jeffers and her team for all the wonderful programming they lead.

President Wolf thanked them on behalf of the Commission, that is takes a village to do all these programs and looks forward to more to come.

PRESIDENT WOLF ADJOURNED THE MEETING at 5:27 PM

Margot Shaub, Commission Affairs Analyst

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