

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
LIBRARY-HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
SAN LEANDRO PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEES ROOM**

PRESENT: Chair J. Heystek, Commissioners P. Gee, A. Lum, C. Rinaldi, Library Director T. Mallon, Support Services Manager B. Sherwood and Recorder T. Treskin.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Tom Liao, Community Development Department; Barry Miller, Consultant.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was MSC (Lum/Rinaldi) to approve the February 17, 2015 agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. It was MSC (Rinaldi/Gee) to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

A. Library Usage: Noted.

B. Circulation: Noted.

Commissioner Gee asked if the reports are available online and Director Mallon confirmed they are. Also, the California State Library compiles detailed library statics which can be viewed on their website.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:

Youth Commission Member. Ms. Mallon reported a member of TAG is interested and will submit an application soon.

Lunar New Year. The annual Lunar New Year event is this Saturday. She extended thanks to Commissioner Lum and the Asian Cultural Association for hosting the arts and craft activities again this year. They will also provide public safety outreach about having children fingerprinted and also about the hazards of texting while driving.

2015 Big Read. Ms. Mallon said the official kickoff will be on February 28. Costumes from the various regions of Mexico are on display. She distributed the book “Into the Beautiful North” to the Commissioners, along with a fold-out brochure describing the Big Read events planned through April. Ms. Mallon said Project Literacy will have their own reading club—the tutors and learners will read as a group. Chair Heystek asked about the next Big Read grant application and wondered if a book was chosen based on the results of the survey. Ms. Mallon said yes, the book was one of the titles presented in the survey. We are required to wait until the grant is awarded to announce the title.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation: General Plan Update Planning Process. Tom Liao of the Community Development Department introduced himself and consultant Barry Miller. He and Mr. Miller are going to the City Commissions to present an overview of San Leandro’s 2035 General Plan Update process. The City is required by law to have a General Plan with policies for land use, transportation, housing, open

space, conservation, safety, and noise. Specific to this Commission are updates to Libraries and to Historic Preservation in the existing 2002 General Plan.

The Commissioners reviewed a handout containing key facts. Commissioner Lum expressed a concern about the number of housing units that are planned in relation to the area available for development, and also the community use of the two smaller branches, Mulford-Marina and South Branch. She said it's important to plan for library technology too.

Mr. Miller said we'll be working with library staff and the Historical Society to review the Historic Preservation section. He suggested the Commissioners look through the General Plan Update and send comments to him or Mr. Liao. Mr. Miller said we'll be working with City staff during March, April and May. Mr. Liao said there will be a community meeting on April 30. The City's website has the General Plan calendar of activities and minutes of meetings.

REPORT OF CHAIR:

Chair Heystek reported she attended the movie "Frozen" that was shown at the Museum. The Arts Council provided arts and crafts activities and the facility was packed with attendees. She thanked Ms. Mallon for the Big Read book. Chair Heystek asked for updates and received responses:

- Is the Friends of the Library meeting information online now? Mr. Sherwood said yes.
- Does the Facebook page have recent postings? Ms. Mallon said a staff member updates it on a regular basis. We're timing the postings with press releases about events.
- When will the Youth Commissioner be appointed? Ms. Mallon said this will be on the City Clerk's calendar.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Gee said the presentation of the costumes and the music and dance event was well done. There was a good sized crowd that attended. She asked if the Library calendar could be distributed in a printed format to include details about the events. Ms. Mallon said at the Library website, when you click on the calendar item, there's a link that will lead you to more details. She acknowledged that the Recreation Department's Activities Guide doesn't include all library events because it's printed so far in advance. We've considered publishing a quarterly brochure of library programs; however this depends on availability of staff time. For now, the most current information can be found on our website. Commissioner Gee said she will be hosting a Big Read reading group on March 29 and invited the Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Lum asked if there are educational games available for checkout. Ms. Mallon there are educational games on the Children's Library computers but not physical materials.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was MSC (Lum/Rinaldi) to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Mallon
Library Director

Terry Treskin
Recorder