

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO  
LIBRARY-HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING  
SAN LEANDRO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
CONFERENCE ROOM B**

**PRESENT:** Chair P. Gee, Commissioners J. Heystek, A. Lum, I. Polvorosa, D. Prola, M. Stevenson, H. Straughter, Q. Zhong. Library Director T. Mallon, Library Manager B. Sherwood and Recorder Y. Carrasco.

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** It was MSC (Lum/Straughter) to approve the April 18, 2017 agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** It was MSC (Prola/Lum) to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Ms. Mallon provided Commission an invitation to the First 5 event taking place on May 15, 2017.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Little Free Library Update

Commissioners discussed finding a location for the library built by the Eden Area ROP.

Commission Prola asked if the library would transport the Little Free Library if a location is found. Ms. Mallon and Mr. Sherwood said it is possible.

Commissioner Stevenson advised that Gloria Strohm can help with the outreach on finding a location for the library once a steward is found the steward will work with Ms. Strohm to get the library going.

Commissioner Prola reported that she contacted Building Futures for Women Children regarding the library built by Eden ROP and did not receive a response. She will contact Rose Johnson at Davis Street Family Resource Center to see if they would like the library.

The Commission agreed the Little Free Library built by the Eden Area ROP will be a gift to the person that agrees to accept it and it will be the responsibility of that person on how the library is set up and managed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Mallon provided background information regarding City Council Multi Cultural Ad-Hoc Committee. The members are Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember Hernandez and Ms. Mallon. The Ad Hoc Committee met in April 13, 2017 to discuss the possibility of the City Council forming a Multi-Cultural Commission and its impact on current Commissions. Mr. Sherwood attended the meeting as Ms. Mallon was unable to attend. The Ad-Hoc Committee discussed what each current Commission role is in providing multi-cultural programs. Ms. Sherwood said the City Council will continue to discuss how multi-culturalism fits within a variety of Commissions but will not be forming a new Commission at this time.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:** Ms. Mallon provided the group with information regarding the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge that will begin on June 3, 2017 and end on August 4, 2017. The statewide theme is “Read, Imagine and Design.” A variety of activities are planned to get the participants to not only read but engage in the community. More details are to follow at a future Commission meeting.

Ms. Mallon provided the group with information regarding Meeting Central located on the City of San Leandro’s website. She informed the group that in addition to Library-Historical Commission agendas and minutes, all future audio recordings will also be posted.

**REPORT OF CHAIR:** Chair Gee asked about the end of year report. Ms. Mallon said the report should be ready to distribute at the end of the fiscal year, after July 1.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Nothing to report.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Stevenson shared there are 23 Little Free Libraries in San Leandro. District 1 has 5, District 2 has 5, Districts 3 and 4 do not have any, District 5 has 11 and District 6 has 2. Commissioner Stevenson shared she enjoyed the book *Brother I’m Dying*.

Commissioner Polvorosa: nothing to report

Commissioner Straughter shared that she enjoyed the Trivia Bee.

Commissioner Prola thanked the Commission for their donations to the Trivia Bee Team.

Commissioner Zhong: nothing to report

Commissioner Lum asked about the signage at Manor Branch Library. Ms. Mallon and Mr. Sherwood reported the over time the letters have been repeatedly stolen. Public Works is working on finding a permanent replacement. Ms. Mallon will follow up with Public Works. Commissioner Lum asked about the computers and homework help that were previously at the Manor Branch. Ms. Mallon said the library recently purchased 40 new Chromebooks. 20 are available at the Main branch and 20 are at the Manor branch for various programs and activities. The after school homework program was eliminated due to budget cuts. Library staff is working with the schools in the area to develop a program using volunteers.

Commissioner Heystek reported her Little Free Library has been installed. She will try to attend the First 5 event on May 15.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was MSC (Stevenson/Heystek) to adjourn to the tour of the library at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Mallon  
Library Director

Yolanda Carrasco  
Recorder