



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Library Trustees

05/03/2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Ricossa called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Present** 3 - Trustee Debbie Tryforos, Vice Chair Jan Hintermeister, and Chair Stephen Ricossa

**Excused** 1 - Trustee Leonne Broughman

A roll call vote was made to move item 21-669, Presentation on the City Plaza Park Gazebo Enhancement Project, to the first order of business.

**Chair Ricossa recommended the approval of moving item # 2 21-669 to the first order of business.**

**Aye:** 3 - Trustee Tryforos, Vice Chair Hintermeister, and Chair Ricossa

**Excused:** 1 - Trustee Broughman

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1      [21-640](#)      Board of Library Trustees Minutes of April 5, 2021

**Recommendation:** Approve April 5, 2021 meeting minutes

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Hintermeister, seconded by Trustee Tryforos, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Board of Library Trustees meeting.**

**Aye:** 3 - Trustee Tryforos, Vice Chair Hintermeister, and Chair Ricossa

**Excused:** 1 - Trustee Broughman

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends Executive Director, **JoAnn Davis**, informed **the Board of Library Trustees (the Board)** that the Foundation and Friends bookstore at Central Park Library will reopen on May 10, 2021.

**Vice Chair Hintermeister** inquired about when the Foundation and Friends would accept donations. **Executive Director Davis** answered that donations would be accepted soon and the public could be notified through their mailing list.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **STAFF REPORT**

2      [21-669](#)      Presentation on the City Plaza Park Gazebo Enhancement Project

**Recommendation:** This item is for information only; no action required at this time.

Director of Parks and Recreation, **James Teixeira** presented information on a project to enhance the gazebo in City Plaza Park.

In 2018, the City worked with Project for Public Spaces to collect public input for improving the gazebo in City Plaza Park and better connect it to Mission Branch Library. The input focused on three areas: strengthening access to the gazebo from Mission Branch Library, opportunities of utilizing outdoor spaces for recreation activities and updating the appearance of the gazebo.

A public survey is available on the City's website to collect feedback on two design options for the gazebo project. The survey closes on May 12, 2021. The Parks and Recreation Commission will then hear public feedback, including from **the Board**.

**Acting City Librarian, Cynthia Bojorquez**, discussed the two options available in the survey.

**Chair Ricossa** asked to agendaize a discussion of the survey options for the Board of Library Trustees meeting on June 7, 2021.

3      [21-645](#)      Youth Services Verbal Report on El Día Del Niño Programs

**Recommendation:** This item is for information only; no action required at this time.

Youth Services Program Coordinator, **Rachel Schmidt**, presented on programming for Día Del Niños.

The Library applied for an American Library Association grant of \$1,500 to purchase books, supplies, and other materials to create learning kits and crafts for local school children. With the bookmobile, Youth Services staff distributed 430 learning kits at Scott Lane Elementary, Wilson Preschool and Kathryn Hughes Elementary. This was an important step in reconnecting with underserved children, families and schools after COVID-19.

On Friday, April 29, 2021, the Library held a live bilingual "Read with Me" that featured many City staff members sharing books and songs to a virtual audience. Patrons could see that the City staff reflects the diversity of the community through this program.

4      [21-641](#)      Verbal Report on the Recruitment Process for the City Librarian Position

**Recommendation:** This item is for information only; no action is required at this time.

**Acting City Librarian Bojorquez** informed **the Board** the City Librarian recruitment closed on April 18, 2021. Over 40 applications were received for the position. The Executive Recruiter is currently screening the applications.

There will be two interview panels. One panel will include City department heads. The second panel will include a representative from **the Board**, a representative of the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends, Library Consultant **Jane Light**, and Hayward Public Library Director of Library Services **Jayanti Addleman**.

**Chair Ricossa** asked if each candidate would meet with both panels. Acting City Librarian Bojorquez confirmed that to be correct.

**City Manager, Deanna Santana**, will recommend a candidate to **the Board** for approval during a special meeting in July. **Vice Chair Hintermeister** reiterated his request that the Board be informed of what materials they will be provided and what decision they will be expected to make during that meeting. **Acting City Librarian Bojorquez** noted the special meeting agenda packet will have the requested information.

5      [21-658](#)      Verbal Report on Library Programs and Activities

**Recommendation:** Note and file the monthly update on Library activities.

**Acting City Librarian Bojorquez** provided **the Board** a summary of recent Library activities.

On April 5, 2021, the Library reopened the Mission Branch Library and the Northside Branch Library for limited hours to provide hold pickup and "grab and go" materials.

On April 19, 2021, computer access and printing services became available at all three branches.

The Library was featured by the San Jose Spotlight on April 26, 2021 in an article about local library reopening efforts.

The Northside Branch Library solar project is underway. The project was funded through community donations and matching funds from Silicon Valley Power for a solar project in the City. Residents chose the Northside Branch Library as the site for the project.

Recruitments are open for a Young Adult Librarian, a Branch Librarian, and a half-time Genealogy/Local History Librarian.

The State of California's Build Back Boldly budget proposal includes a provision that could eliminate fines and fees for overdue materials.

The Patrick Henry Project's specific plan is expected to go to City Council in September for approval.

**Vice Chair Hintermeister** inquired about the status of Bookmobile services. **Acting City Librarian Bojorquez** explained that the Library is working on a schedule with local schools and other locations to serve as Bookmobile stops during the summer.

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

**Trustee Tryforos** will be volunteering at the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends bookstore when it reopens.

**Chair Ricossa** noted that Board elections should happen during the June 2021 Board of Library Trustees meeting.

**Chair Ricossa** asked about the recruitment for a fifth member of the Board. **Deputy City Clerk Simrat Dhaldi** informed **the Board** of the application and selection process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Trustee Tryforos, seconded by Vice Chair Hintermeister, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:58pm.**

**Aye:** 3 - Trustee Tryforos, Vice Chair Hintermeister, and Chair Ricossa

**Excused:** 1 - Trustee Broughman

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