

**MINUTES
SARATOGA LIBRARY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cristina Meiser called the virtual meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Cristina Meiser, Vice Chair Eric Lewis, Commissioners Robert Gulino, Steven White, Victoria Zhang
Absent: None
Also Present: Steve Fitzgerald, Nichole King, Lauren Sutioso, Viraaj Reddi, Kayla Nakamoto, Crystal Bothelio

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Library & Community Engagement Commission Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the minutes from February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.

GULINO/WHITE MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 REGULAR MEETING.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: GULINO, LEWIS, MEISER, WHITE. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: ZHANG. ABSENT: NONE.

2. Saratoga Teen Advisory Board Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Saratoga Teen Advisory Board report.

Teen Advisory Board Co-Presidents Lauren Sutioso and Viraaj Reddi shared a report, providing information on recent activities and remaining activities for the year. Topics included a recent game night, Coffeehouse, Crafternoon, and College Day.

3. Santa Clara County Library District Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Santa Clara County Library District report.

Steve Fitzgerald, Deputy County Librarian, shared information about the Distinguished Author Series, reopening of libraries, National Library Week, and the April Joint Powers Authority board meeting.

4. Saratoga Community Library Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Saratoga Community Library report.

Nichole King, Acting Community Librarian, shared information about story times and some of the benefits of providing these virtually, such as providing programming in different languages. She also discussed trends related to the reopening of the Saratoga Library lobby. She also shared information about the upcoming Friends of Saratoga Libraries book sale in the parking lot.

5. Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Friends of the Saratoga Libraries report.

No report

6. Library & Community Engagement Commission Chair Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Library & Community Engagement Commission Chair report.

Chair Cristina Meiser shared a summary of the Work Plan Study Session with the City Council.

Vice Chair Eric Lewis proposed a future agenda item on how the Commission can work on highlighting the diverse cultural heritages in Saratoga.

7. City of Saratoga Report

Recommended Action:

Receive City of Saratoga report.

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager, shared an update on Paint the City, Saratoga Power Lunch, Toga Trails, and Housing Element Community Meetings.

8. Community News & Trends

Recommended Action:

Share news and trends within the community.

Chair Cristina Meiser spoke about the COVID-19 vaccines and some of the questions she has received as an employer and the difficulty in finding information. She also spoke about some of the trends that emerged during the pandemic that may continue, such as virtual programming and activities.

9. Housing Element Update

Recommended Action:

Receive an informational presentation on the Housing Element Update.

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager, shared a presentation on the Housing Element Update.

SUMMARIZE ACTION ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – JUNE 14, 2021

The Commission agreed to hold the June 14 meeting at 5:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cristina Meiser adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
City of Saratoga