

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cristina Meiser called the virtual meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Cristina Meiser, Vice Chair Eric Lewis, Commissioners Robert Gulino, Victoria Zhang
Absent: None
Also Present: Nichole King, Marlene Iwamoto, Alice Patrick, Ahana Chakraborty, Ayushi Chakraborty, Kayla Nakamoto, Crystal Bothelio

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Recommended Action:

Select new Chair and Vice Chair to serve October 2021 through September 2022. The Chair and Vice Chair serve a term of 1 year. Each Commissioner may only serve as Chair or Vice Chair once during a 4-year term on the Commission.

The Commission agreed to discuss selection of Chair and Vice Chair after reports.

GULINO/ZHANG MOVED TO **NOMINATE ERIC LEWIS AS CHAIR**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: GULINO, LEWIS, MEISER, ZHANG. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

GULINO/MEISER MOVED TO **NOMINATE VICTORIA ZHANG AS VICE CHAIR**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: GULINO, LEWIS, MEISER, ZHANG. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

2. Library & Community Engagement Commission Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the minutes from August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting.

LEWIS/ZHANG MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 9, 2021 REGULAR MEETING.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: LEWIS, MEISER, ZHANG. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: GULINO.

3. Saratoga Teen Advisory Board Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Saratoga Teen Advisory Board report.

Ahana Chakraborty and Ayushi Chakraborty from the Saratoga Teen Advisory Board reported on recent activities and upcoming events.

4. Santa Clara County Library District Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Santa Clara County Library District report.

Marlene Iwamoto, Santa Clara County Library District Library Services Manager, reported on the patron survey results.

5. Saratoga Community Library Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Saratoga Community Library report.

Nichole King, Saratoga Community Librarian, reported on expansion of evening hours, recent events, online and hybrid programming, and art on display in the Saratoga Library lobby.

6. Friends of the Saratoga Libraries Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Friends of the Saratoga Libraries report.

Alice Patrick, Friends of the Saratoga Libraries, reported on fundraising efforts, member renewals, Book-Go-Round retail sales, and reopening of the Saratoga Library Friends Café.

7. Library & Community Engagement Commission Chair Report

Recommended Action:

Receive Library & Community Engagement Commission Chair report.

Chair Cristina Meiser reported on the Commission Recognition Dinner and commented on her service as Chair.

Following the report, the Commission returned to agenda item 1, Selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

8. City of Saratoga Report

Recommended Action:

Receive City of Saratoga report.

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager, shared updates from the City and provided information about virtual Commission meetings.

9. Community News & Trends

Recommended Action:

Share news and trends within the community.

Commissioner Robert Gulino shared information about the CES tradeshow, including health-related technology expected to be popular.

10. 2022 Work Plan

Recommended Action:

Identify and discuss efforts that could be included in the 2022 Work Plan.

The Commission discussed the 2022 work plan and agreed to ask staff to work with Commissioners Gulino and Lewis to refine the draft for the Commission to consider at the next meeting. The Commission agreed to send any proposed additions to the work plan to staff by mid-November.

SUMMARIZE ACTION ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The Commission discussed rescheduling the December meeting for December 14, 15, or 16 at 6:00 p.m. or later. Staff agreed to reach out to find a date and time that works best for the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Meiser adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
City of Saratoga