



CITY OF MILPITAS

Library and Education Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

7:02 p.m.

Monday, January 23, 2023

160 N. Main St. Milpitas, CA 95035

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Mateo called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Mateo called the roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner's Hellie Mateo, Naga Sannidhi, Ann Anderson, Nonie McDonald, Trijohn Tran.

ABSENT: Commissioner's Yu-Lan Chou (Chair), Therese Hoang, Barbara Martens, Rekha Pardeshi.

City Liaison: Vice Mayor Chua

Library Staff: Kelly McKean – Community Librarian
Steve Fitzgerald – County Librarian

City Staff: John Macon – Recreation Supervisor
Ming Chen – Public Service Assistant II

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mateo led the pledge of allegiance.

ALTERNATE SEATING

Alternate member Naga Sannidhi was seated in place of Therese Hoang.
Alternate member Trijohn Tran was seated in place of Rekha Pardeshi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion/Second McDonald/Sannidhi

AYES: All

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amend Minutes “Commissioner Mateo agree to be judge.” Commissioner Mateo was not able to be a judge due to a travel commitment but will assist in other areas.

Motion/Second Sannidhi/Hellie

AYES: Mateo, Sannidhi

ABSTAIN: Tran, McDonald, Anderson

PUBLIC FORUM

NA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NA

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Election of Officers 2023

Background: Each year, the Library and Education Advisory Commission is required to elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve through December 2023.

Recommendation: Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve through December 2023.

Commissioner Yu-Lan Chou agreed to assume the role, if nominated.

Commissioner McDonald nominated Yu-Lan Chou for Chair. No other person was nominated as Chair.

Commissioner Chou is elected chair to serve through December 2023.

Commissioner McDonald Nominated Commissioner Mateo for Vice Chair. No other person was nominated for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Mateo respectfully declined to be considered as Vice Chair at this time.

The Commission agreed to agendize the nomination and election of the Vice Chair position at the March 20 meeting.

B. SCCLD Commissioner Forum

Background: Each year, the Library and Education Commission members make plans to attend the local SCCLD Commissioner Forum.

Recommendation: Discuss the February 4, 2023 event and note those Commission members who can commit to attending the forum. Those attending can report back to the Commission at the March meeting.

County Librarian shared details of the Commissioner Forum to the Commission.

C. Annual Youth Essay Contest

Background: At the last LEAC meeting, the Commission discussed hosting the annual Youth Essay Contest in the Spring of 2023.

Recommendation: Discuss the logistics of the Youth Essay Contest in the Spring including assembling the list of judges, committing to a firm date for the contest, Commissioner roles at the event, marketing of the event, and awards ceremony particulars.

Commission will use the previous year's Youth Essay Contest as a template.

Youth Essay Contest will be held on March 11, 2023

Vice Mayor Chua, Mayor Montano, and Councilmember Barbadillo have initially agreed to be judges.

Judges are scheduled to be at the Youth Essay Contest from 1-5 p.m.

50 max per grade group, 3 divisions. Divisions to be divided by 4-6 grade, 7-8 grade, and 9-12 grade.

Prizes will be \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place, and \$100 for 3rd place, per group. \$200 for refreshments.

Essay will be a maximum of 1-page, lined paper, to be handwritten, with an hour to write their essay.

Motion confirming the date, three division, dollar amount prizes per division, Commission agreed to continue to recruit judges, and to be available the date of the event and/or assist with preparations beforehand.

M/S: Anderson/McDonald

AYES: All

LIAISON REPORT

A. Friends of the Milpitas Library Report – Nonie McDonald

Commissioner McDonald shared with the Commission the success of the book sales and that it will be moving to 4 book sales a year.

B. County Librarian Report – Steve Fitzgerald

Santa Clara County Library rated number 2 in the country. Rated number 1 was St. Louis County Library. Gilroy Librarian, Elizabeth Munoz Rosas honored as top 10 county employee of the year. Silicon Valley Reads theme this year is: "Journey to New Beginnings."

C. Community Librarian Report – Kelly McKean

Shared with the Commission the many current events and programs at the Milpitas Library. Some events shared were the celebration of Lunar New Years, the homework help program, celebrating Black History Month with Ajuan Mance (while discussing the book, "Living While Black"), internet safety classes taught by the Community Tech Network, and the Avenidas Rainbow Collective having a monthly social LGBTQ+ group meeting.

D. City Council Liaison Report – Vice Mayor Chua

Vice Mayor Chua noted 3 million in grants for climate change. This grant will provide money to convert from carbon emissions to more renewable resources. Vice Mayor Chua also noted that each Commission can have a youth (9-12 grade), non-voting member. Interested youth can apply online.

E. Staff Liaison Report – John Macon

Milpitas residents came out to City events even through recent bad weather. Acknowledged the Senior Nutrition Program through the COVID-19 lockdown and shared attendance of the Saturday Pilot Program.

UPCOMING AGENDA

NA

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Mateo adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be on March 20, 2023 at 7 p.m.