



CITY OF MILPITAS

Library and Education Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

7:00 pm

Monday, November 21, 2022

160 N. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035

CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chair Chou called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Vice Chair Chou called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Hellie Mateo, Barbara Martens, Therese Hoang, Rekha Pardeshi, Yu-Lan Chou, Naga Sannidhi ABSENT: Ann Anderson, Nonie McDonald City Liaison: Councilmember Chua Library Staff: Kelly McKean – Community Librarian Jennifer Week – County Librarian City Staff: John Macon – Recreation Supervisor Ming Chen – Public Service Assistant II
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Vice Chair Chou led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	Alternate member Naga Sannidhi was seated in place of Nonie McDonald.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion/Second Mateo/Martens AYES: All
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion/Second Martens/Mateo AYES: All
PUBLIC FORUM	NA
ANNOUNCEMENTS	NA
BUSINESS ITEMS	Work Plan Projects – Yu-Lan Chou 1. County Commissions Forum Background: Each year, the Library and Education Commission members make plans to attend the local County Commission Forum. Commission will attend the forum and report back in future meetings. 2. Local Library Conference Background: The Library and Education Commission members seek to attend the local Library Conference each year to gain continued knowledge regarding library services and activities.

Members of the Commission has agreed to attend the CLA Conference on June 1-3, 2023 in Sacramento.

3. National Library Week

Background: National Library Week is an annual celebration held the first week of April highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

More updates will be provided in the next meeting.

4. Youth Essay Contest

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

Commission discussed that the Essay Contest will be a handwritten essay on 1 sheet of paper. The collective group has also agreed to look for judges, 3 judges per essay group with 3 groups, for a total of 9 judges. The contest will be for the fourth to the 12 grade and will be able to accommodate 120 contestants. The Milpitas Library staff will take the lead in enrollment and registration. Councilmember Chua as well as Commissioner Martens, Commissioner Pardeshi, and Commissioner Mateo has agreed to be judge.

Commission to vote on the Youth Essay Contest to be a in person written essay contest.

M/S: Martens/Mateo

Ayes: All

Commission to vote to have the 2023 Youth Essay Contest be called the Milpitas Library Essay Contest 2023.

M/S: Pardeshi/Martens

Ayes: All

Commission to vote on the location and date of the Milpitas Library Essay Contest 2023 to be held at the Milpitas Library on Saturday, March 11, 2023.

M/S: Martens/Sannidhi

Ayes: All

LIAISON REPORT

1. Friends of the Milpitas Library Report – Kelly McKean

Broke the record of previous 4 day book sales. The Commission wants to congratulate the Friends of the Milpitas Library for breaking the 4 day book sale.

2. County Librarian Report – Jennifer Week

Presented to the Commission of the County Library updates. County Librarian highlights of the reports are the County Commission Forum on February 2023, Silicon Valley Read's Journey to New Beginnings, and the Cultural Exhibits at the County Library.

3. Community Librarian Report – Kelly McKean

Staff shared to the Commission of events at the Milpitas Library. Some highlights to note are the Annual Korean Alphabet Day, the Darshana Exhibit and the We are not Strangers, the Pup Meet and Great for Teens, the Adult Singalong Program, and the Milpitas Library's first Milpitas Teen Advisory Board.

4. City Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Evelyn Chua

Councilmember Chua updated the Commission of the success of the Catalytic Converter Program with the Milpitas Police Department, the Senior Center's Saturday Pilot Program, the reopening of the Milpitas Teen Center, as well as more grants for the student scholarships.

5. City Staff Liaison Report – John Macon

Staff provided more updates on the Senior Center's Saturday Pilot Program and shared to the Commission the updates of Pumpkins in the Park and the upcoming Tree Lighting event.

UPCOMING AGENDA

Agendize the following for the next Commission meeting:

Commission to elect new Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Chou adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm. The next Commission meeting will be on January 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm.