

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2022

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Commission Chair Moore.

2) Roll Call

Present: Commissioners: Batt, Hutto, Laney, Moore, Shannon, Zhang.

Absent: Commissioners: Jonnalagadda.

3) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Laney moved to approve the March 15, 2022; Minutes as written.
Commissioner Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Batt, Hutto, Laney, Moore, Shannon, Zhang.

NOES: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Jonnalagadda.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

4) Business from the Floor

None.

5) Reports & Presentations

- a. Youth Services Librarian Debbie Centi presented the final report on the Summer Reading Program.
- b. Library Director Lori Easterwood presented the monthly statistics for March, April, May, June and July 2022. She noted that there was a no "Value" in the July Statistics Report due to the information not being available from the NY times. She told the Commissioners to focus on the June Statistics Report because of the Fiscal Year End. Comparing the June Stats of 590,000 items checked out or

- c. renewed to the 729,000 items pre-pandemic. She stated that that the library has been quite busy over the summer, and it should trickle down.

Library Director Easterwood responded to comments and questions from the Library Commission.

6) Library Director's Report

Library Director Lori Easterwood reported on the following:

- Requested \$19,000 for Zip Books.
- The Friends generously donated \$10,200 to the Folsom Public Library.
- We are hiring a Circulation Coordinator. Interviews started last week. Library Director Easterwood stated that she was leaving the library and that her last day is this coming Friday. They are holding Interviews for the Library Director's position as well.
- The city had approved and budgeted \$150,000 for new carpet in the library. It would replace the carpet in the high traffic areas. They have selected carpet squares so that the carpets can be easily replaced through the years. Library will most likely be closed during the carpet installation. She had suggested doing the install during the Holiday Season when more staff would most likely be on vacation.
- The Café space is still vacant. The City Council appointed a committee for vacant spaces in the area. The Vacant Property Report is due at the next Council meeting on August 23, 2022.
- The library will be used as a Cooling Center for today and tomorrow during Library hours. The Meeting room is for those individuals with pets.
- Library Director Easterwood thanked the Commissioners for their input and support throughout the years.

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7) Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Zhang commented that he was very happy that meetings were back in person, and he thanked Library Director Easterwood for all she has done for the library for the past 6 ½ years. He wishes her all the luck in Portland.

Commissioner Shannon asked about the new Secretary. Library Director Easterwood asked that the new Secretary introduce herself. Secretary Maximo mentioned to the Commissioners that she had come from the private sector, working

predominately in the CPA industry. She also mentioned that she likes living and working in Folsom and is very excited to be working at the library. Commissioner Shannon has asked to put on the next agenda. She wants a discussion on how the library can categorize books on LGBTQ. It is for parents, teens and children who are interested on the topic can easily access those books and easy for those trying to avoid them. Commissioner Shannon also mentioned regarding the Library Fines are a burden to some families. She said that Library Director Easterwood has been fabulous throughout the years and that someone will have big shoes to fill.

Library Director Easterwood responded that it can become a controversy regarding labeling or categorizing certain books. The books become a target in the library for Hate Crimes to happen. She would make note for new director to do further research on it. They would need to extensively research what other public libraries and schools are doing on this topic.

Commissioner Hutto commented that Library Director Easterwood came in with a bang and is like seeing a tree blossom. She mentioned that Library Director Easterwood has done so much good for the library, and it is truly a loss for the community. She wishes her the very best for the future.

Commissioner Batt dittoed Commissioner Hutto in her response to Library Director Easterwood and her departure.


Commissioner Laney commented that the Commissioners List in the library hallway was outdated and needed to be removed. Also asked if the Fines item was ever pitched to the City Council. She said that she enjoyed working with Library Director Easterwood and is happy to support the next director.

Library Director Easterwood responded that the Fines were not pitched to City Council due to the City's Budget. Commissioners would need to get the new director to get Council to remove fines.

Commissioner Moore stated that it would be good to know how much is collected in Fines. She asked if any of the Commissioners commissions were ending in 2022. Commissioner Laney had checked the website and informed that everyone's commission were ending in December 2022 except for herself and Commissioner Jonnalagadda. Their Commissions will be ending in December 2024. Commissioner Moore asked Library Director Easterwood if she can find out if Commissioners would have to live in the same Zone as the City Council member that had elected them. She said that Library Director Easterwood was great and has such a competitive nature that made it great for the community.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Maximo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Maximo
Secretary to the Library Commission