

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2019

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Sessarego.

2) Roll Call

Present: Commissioners: Batt, Hutto, Lopez, Moore, Sessarego, Shannon.

Absent: Commissioners: Gagliardi.

3) Oath of Allegiance-Library Commission

Library Director Easterwood administered the Oath of Allegiance to Commissioners Batt, Hutto, Moore and Shannon.

4) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Sessarego nominated Commissioner Hutto for Chair. Commissioner Hutto accepted nomination. Proposal carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Batt, Hutto, Lopez, Moore, Sessarego, Shannon.
NOES: Commissioners: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners: Gagliardi.
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

Commissioner Lopez volunteered for Vice Chair. Proposal carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Batt, Hutto, Lopez, Moore, Sessarego, Shannon.
NOES: Commissioners: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners: Gagliardi.
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

5) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sessarego moved to approve the October 16, 2018 Minutes as written. Commissioner Moore seconded. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Batt, Hutto, Lopez, Moore, Sessarego, Shannon.
NOES: Commissioners: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners: Gagliardi.
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

6) **Business from the Floor**

None.

7) **Reports & Presentations**

- a. Library Director Easterwood presented to the commission information about the Folsom Public Library. She discussed the ethics training and the importance of complying with the Brown Act. Each Library Commissioner was given a copy of the 2017 Folsom Public Library Needs Assessment. Library Director Easterwood gave a brief overview of the Needs Assessment. The Folsom Public Library is in a period of maintenance, and Library Director Easterwood's primary focus is on collection development. She also strives to expand and deepen the quality of the youth programming and the technology offerings.

Commissioner Moore inquired about the time frame of making development decisions on the new library in the Folsom Plan Area. She also asked about Pika (the new catalog system).

Library Director Easterwood replied that it could be several years before planning discussions even begin on the new library.

She commented that the transition to Pika was seamless; the library received no complaints from patrons. The new catalog is user-friendly and looks more like the Folsom Public Library website.

Commissioner Shannon asked about the crucial sections of the Needs Assessment. She also inquired about fines and fees.

Library Director Easterwood remarked on the importance of the comment section and the executive summary of the Needs Assessment.

In a future meeting, she will prepare an agenda item addressing the fine structure.

Commissioner Moore requested a behind-the-scenes tour of the library.

- b. Library Director Easterwood presented the October 2018, November 2018, December 2018 and January 2019 statistics. She noted the increase in Total Items in Collection and eItem circulation. Shasta Public Library will be joining the Northnet Consortium. This new partnership will increase the total eItems available for Folsom Public Library card holders.

Commissioner Moore inquired about the decrease in Total Registered Borrowers from December to January.

Library Director Easterwood mentioned that old, inactive accounts are deleted at the end of each year.

8) **Teen Liaison Report**

Teen Liaison Kaleena Benjamin and Kenzy Mohamed reported on the following:

- Retro Film Night, a teen program, features films from 1920-1960. *Sabrina* was the film featured at the last event on February 1.
- Teen Library Council (TLC) is participating in a Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) review and award selection project. Pre-released, free copies of

new books are sent to the library; TLC members are responsible for reading these books and writing reviews for YALSA.

- The *Faces of Folsom* photojournalism gallery begins on March 30 and will be displayed for the public to view during the entire month of April.
- Artistic TLC members offered beginning drawing classes for kids.

Commissioner Batt inquired about the *Faces of Folsom* project grant.

Library Director Easterwood informed the commission that this project is funded by a California Humanities grant.

Commissioner Sessarego thanked the teens for their service and mentioned how much the teen group has grown over the years.

9) Library Director's Report

Library Director Lori Easterwood reported on the following:

- Library Director Easterwood will present the library budget to the Library Commission once it has been presented to the City Council.
- The library applied for a \$3,000 mindfulness grant. \$2,000 of the grant will go towards books (for the collection) on topics relating to stress management, meditation and mindfulness. The other grant funds will be spent on programming. If awarded this grant, programming will be scheduled for May.
- The First Friday Series program on March 1 will be a presentation on the Rainbow Bridge Centennial.
- The Local Author Series presentation on March 2 will feature Cindy Fazzi.
- The Local Author Expo is scheduled for April 27. Individual authors or writing clubs will showcase their work and sell books to attendees. Attendance is free to the public. Local authors participating will be asked to donate a copy of their book to the library so it can be added to the library's Local Author Collection.
- The library offers two different Book Clubs. The regular Book Club meets at the library on the first Tuesday and the third Thursday of each month. It's OK to Read YA Book Club is for adults interested in Young Adult books and meets at Barnes & Noble.
- The library joined up with Shut Up and Write Folsom Meetup and now allows the group to use the large meeting room.
- Zip Books is a statewide project funded by the California State Library. This service allows patrons to request books not owned by our library or a partner library. If the Zip Book request is approved, the item is purchased and shipped directly to the patron. Zip Books returned are added to the collection or given to the Friends of the Folsom Library.
- The library has two new electronic resources: New York Times and Archives Unbound. These resources are free through a California State Library program.
- Ami Bera will be holding a Town Hall on Wednesday (February 20) evening at the Folsom Public Library.

10) Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Batt is happy to be back on the Library Commission; he mentioned serving on the commission that helped with the initial planning of the current library.

Commissioner Moore is excited to be a part of the Library Commission.

Commissioner Shannon is honored to be appointed to the commission. She is interested in learning more about all the programming the library has to offer.

Commissioner Lopez suggested a Jane Austen month and recommended the movie *Pride and Prejudice*. She commented about Brian Wallace's new activity and coloring book. Commissioner Lopez recommended partnering with the Beautiful Center in Folsom for the mindfulness grant.

Commissioner Sessarego mentioned that the Friends of the Folsom Library Book Sale is March 8-10. The revenue from the Friends Bookstore, the Renaissance Faire and the semiannual book sales allowed the Friends of the Folsom Library to give over \$50,000 to the library last year. The Friends of the Folsom Library allow the library staff to have first pick of all donated material; selected donations are added to the collection.

Lori commented that around \$20,000 worth of donated items from the Friends of the Folsom Library are added to the collection each year.

Commissioner Sessarego stated that the gift bags the current Friends of the Folsom Library president creates with children's books and stuffed animals sets the Folsom book sales apart.

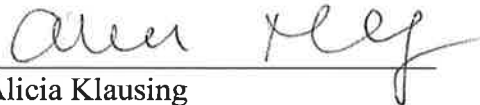
Commissioner Hutto mentioned that her friend was impressed with the Francesca's Table First Friday Series event. This positive experience shows the quality of the programming and community outreach.

Commissioner Lopez suggested a library legacy project that showcases families that have grown up in the Folsom Public Library system.

Library Director Easterwood stated that this idea would be a great social media post for National Library Week in April.

11) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Alicia Klausung
Secretary to the Library Commission