



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Joyce McConeghey, President
Sara Strickler, Vice President
Amber Bales, Board Member
Dimple Kanji, Board Member
Kathleen Kearney, Board Member

Absent: None

Staff: Jane Chisaki, Library Director
Lori Amaya, Recording Secretary

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA (Public Comment)

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

An asterisk indicates items so enacted or approved on the Consent Calendar

- *A. Report from the Library Director Highlighting Activities for the Months of July and August, 2022.
- *B. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of July 13, 2022.
- *C. Modified Library Services Report for the Months of June and July, 2022.
- *D. Financial Report Reflecting FY22/23 Expenditures by Fund for July and August, 2022.
- *E. Bills for Ratification for the Months of July and August, 2022.

Director Chisaki reported the Library lost four employees, two part-time and two full-time. The Custodian is currently out with a Workers' Compensation injury. Public Works has added two days of cleaning at the two branches which is helping. The Adult Services division has held successful bicycle programs, but we may have to cancel upcoming programs due to staffing issues. The Friends are holding their big book sale in October. There is now a better internet signal which will help with credit card sales. The final mockups of three pieces of historic markers

have been completed. A map will be installed at the Marketplace with the Marketplace marker. The markers for the Buena Vista Methodist Church and the Library are expected to be installed by the end of December. The digital history project is moving forward at a slightly faster pace and is anticipated to be completed by summer of 2023. The project will have an exhibit in the Library's Stafford room, and on the walls in the second floor conference room. Artifacts will be on display and there may be a mockup of a dorm room showing how two families squeezed in the dorms.

There are no changes to the Draft Minutes of the July 13, 2022 Library Board Meeting.

Vice President Strickler moved to accept the Consent Calendar. Board Member Bales seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Current and On-Going Library Activities (J. Chisaki)

Director Chisaki mentioned that Alameda Recreation and Parks Department had planned on creating a dog park at Lydecker Park, but it was voted out, so there will not be a dog park after all. The City is considering an aquatic center at the west end of Jean Sweeney Park. If the City has funding, they will also put in groundwork for the Seed & Tool Library at the park and the Friends of the Library will provide the funds to complete the Library project. President McConeghey asked if the aquatic center will have an indoor or an outdoor pool. Director Chisaki explained that there has been talk of it being similar to Heather Farms, but whether it will be indoor or outdoor hasn't been determined. There are three locations being considered for the aquatic center, but Jean Sweeney Park is the first choice. The Teen Librarian recruitment has closed. The first round of interviews will be on October 3, with a potential start date at the end of October. The Senior Librarian recruitment is open and will close on September 22, with a potential start date after the end of October. Library Technician, Fernanda Nunez, is organizing a Loteria program, and will use donated books to as prizes. She does a great job and is almost done with Library school.

B. Change in Library Operating Hours (J. Chisaki)

The change in hours is going well. The press release has gone out twice and has been posted on social media.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Friends of the Library (J. Chisaki)

The Friends bookstore is doing well. Director Chisaki suggested they put a pin on google maps, but they haven't followed through yet. The quality of books in the bookstore is great. The Library is holding more preschool programs in the morning which may help the Café.

B. Patron Suggestions/Comments (Speak-Outs) and Library Director's Response

A patron suggested the Library consider moving large print books in the New Books section to the top row because those with poor vision will find it easier to read the authors and titles. The Library thanked them for their feedback and suggestion and will implement the change right away.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Chisaki thanked Board Member Bales for her years of service on the library board and she will be missed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA GENERAL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Chisaki, Library Director and
Secretary to the Alameda Free Library Board