

Unofficial Minutes of the Library and Community Services Commission
Meeting was held on April 11, 2018

A. Pledge of Allegiance

- B.** The Meeting was called to order by chair, Commissioner Fong at 6:00 p.m. at the Rotunda, at City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Albert Fong
Commissioner Dominic Dursa
Commissioner Joey Martinez
Commissioner Stacey Wilson
Commissioner Elva Arellano

Absent:

Commissioner Ernesto Yzquierdo
Commissioner Elmer Dolera

Staff:

Cary Ann Siegfried, Library and Community Services Director
Ernesto Lizaola, Community Education Manager
Sheila Molinari, Community Services Manager

C. Public Comments

None.

D. CONSENT

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 14, 2018

On a motion by Commissioner Dursa, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the minutes were approved. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Presentations

1. Summer Recreation and Library Programming

Library Director Siegfried introduced Ernesto Lizaola and Sheila Molinari to go over the summer programming for both Library and Recreation. Mr. Lizaola spoke about the programming at the Library. Families reconnecting and exploring is a goal, but also preventing some of the summer slide, where students lose four to six weeks of learning in the summer. On June 10th the programming starts for ten weeks. All programming is free of charge. Literacy is a big component for the Summer Reading Program. Reading logs are encouraged in order to earn rewards such as books. All the programming will be at both libraries, John Steinbeck and Cesar Chavez. Age range of 0-5 years encourages families to participate with story times and play groups. Age group 5-7 years will have thematic programming around "World Passport". For ages 8-12 years old, programs include: Passport Club, Graphic Reading club, Stop Motion Animation, and Reading to the Stars. Teens will have technology based programming such as Virtual Reality, 3D

printing, and creation of a mobile app. Adults will have more comprehensive programming such as a Summer Film Festival and Summer Reading Programming. Live performances will be part of the Summer Programming. Kinder Boot Camp will again be part of getting children Kinder ready. It will be a two-week program hosted at Sherwood and Roosevelt Schools. The Paletero Carts will be out promoting Library Services. This year there will be some co-programming with the Library and Recreation Center. There is a Bingo Card that encourages the community to explore all of the programming at all of the sites including Summer Fun Fest, and Senior Programs including Arm Chair Travel.

Sheila Molinari went over the Recreation programming. This year there are nine different themed weeks that start on June 4 through August 4. Some weekly themes include, Super Hero, Game Tournament, Scientist, Environment, Yeah for Red, White & Blue, Surf and Sand, Rodeo, Inventors, and Game Show. Keeping youth engaged and safe is key. The programming is both entertaining and educational. There are many activities, art, and trips planned. Last year over 64,000 participated in the programming. Lunches will be provided, last year over 14,000 were served. Some of the trips planned are, going to Maya Cinemas, Kiddie Kapers Parade, Rodeo Trip, and a Teen Block party, use of the pool and a trip to Gizdich Ranch. During the summer, skating equipment is taken out to El Dorado Park. Summer camps and clinics are very well attended. There are also summer sports leagues. There is a Youth Leadership Academy and Youth and Government Institute that teaches youth about government. There are some classes that are offered at low cost to the public. July is Celebrate Parks and Recreation month.

Commission action:

Receive presentation

Public comments:

None

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Arrellano asked how does the public sign up for the Recreation programs. Ms. Molinari said the public can go to the Recreation office Monday-Friday from 8-5pm. Commissioner Wilson loved the Paletero cart. She asked if online registration is available. Ms. Molinari said not at this time. Mr. Lizaola said for Library, both online and in person. Drop in programming will also be readily available.

Commissioner Dursa asked if any services will be available at El Gabilan in the Summer. And will there be any Tech programming for adults. Ms. Siegfried stated, due to the size it has been difficult to provide programming in the past. There will be construction after June. Mr. Lizaola answered that there are staff that offer Tech on Demand individually to adults during the weekends. There is a space at John Steinbeck that workshops related to workforce in the future will be implemented.

Commissioner Martinez asked if the Bingo Cards will be available in Spanish. They will. Also will the First Friday Art Talks continue during the summer. Will Digital Nest be reporting on the App. The basement at Steinbeck, when will it be ready. Ms. Siegfried said there will be a break in the summer and resume in September. Mr. Lizaola said the Library is leading and will have the teens come and do a presentation on the development of the mobile app. The basement had the technology installed two weeks ago and could be ready as early as May

2. El Gabilan Library Update

Library Director went over some slides for the new El Gabilan Library. There is a vision statement for the new El Gabilan Library that is important, and was read out loud. There is currently limited community infrastructure in North Salinas for residents. Other than school locations, El Dorado Park offers limited space. The Library will provide very

important resources for early literacy and kindergarten readiness. The area to serve children will be much expanded compared to the current library. At the Cesar Chavez Library, many children participate afterschool. The future El Gabilan Library will also encourage senior citizens and adults to meet in the new rooms and areas.

The slide showing the first floor will have the staff area, teen area, and the Market Space for new materials. There will be children's areas for different age groups, as well as a community room that can be available after hours.

The slide showing the second floor, there will be a digital studio, tech maker space, and an internet café. Vending machines will be available to the public. There are several study rooms and a quiet study room with an electric fireplace. The living room area will be a quiet area. There will be a reading deck off the adult area.

The outdoors will be fenced in. Some scaling back had to happen due to budgeting. Some fund raising can happen and add back in. There is a honeycomb wall of windows. Lots of natural light will be available.

This process has included fine-tuning all of the items. The design development has been finished. The development team has finalized the guaranteed maximum price for the building. This will be presented to City Council on May 15. The Finance department staff will also present to City Council. Construction can begin as early as late summer, with completion in the fall of 2019. El Gabilan will be closed for the summer, and vacate the building soon after.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Wilson asked about the final square footage. It is roughly 21,000 square feet. She asked about the level of green certification of the building. Ms. Siegfried stated that there is an expense to have certifications, but we will be following the standards very closely.

Commissioner Martinez asked about the prioritizing of furniture options and ergonomics. How much interior art will be implemented? Was anything cut for the outside art. What will the landscape look like? Ms. Siegfried stated costs most affected were areas on the exterior of the design. She has identified some areas for public art and gallery areas. The City has some public art in storage that may be an option. The Public Art Commission will be working with us. The landscape architect will design the landscaping.

Commissioner Arellano asked about security. Ms. Siegfried assured there will be security. She encouraged the commissioners to attend the May 15 Council meeting.

Commission Action:

Receive Presentation

Public comments:

None

F. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Wilson reported that the Young Eagles could register for free flights this Saturday at the airport. A flight simulator was donated by the Bob Hoover Academy. Harrison Ford is the biggest donor of the program. He went to Washington DC to accept an award for Salinas.

Commissioner Martinez, Take it Outside will be on May 6th at Natividad Creek Park with various organizations. At the Alisal Center for the Fine Arts there was a community meeting for a future mural to the Breadbox building.

G. Director's Report

Director Siegfried thanked Ernesto and Sheila for the Summer Programing presentation. Founder's Day will be this Saturday. Library staff will be there promoting the services. There will be a historical timeline of Salinas at the John Steinbeck Library. The newly formed Public Art Commission will meet on April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Fong, there will be the Asian Festival on April 28 in China town.

Commissioner Martinez added that after Founder's Day there will be Noches de Bellas Artes at the Alisal Center for the Fine Arts at 7:00 p.m.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to end the meeting by Commissioner Wilson, and seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.