

ALBANY LIBRARY BOARD
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – July 21, 2015

Albany Community Center, 1247 Marin Avenue, 7 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Gonzales.

Board Members Present:

Rosalie Gonzales

Marge Atkinson

Sarah Levin

Cynthia Hegedus

City of Albany Staff Present:

Ronnie Davis, Staff Liaison

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2015 –

The minutes were approved unanimously (Atkinson/Levin).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

4. REPORT FROM THE STAFF LIAISON – Davis reported that the Albany City Council approved the contract with Alameda County Library. One councilmember asked why the Albany Library was part of the Alameda County system. Davis subsequently sent out a report that had been prepared in 2010 by a consultant hired by the City to study the options for providing library service. Davis met with the City Manager and she said that no additional follow-up to Council concerns was needed at this time.

Davis also reported that Alan Riffer had resigned from the Library Board. Board members authorized Davis to prepare a Proclamation honoring Riffer for his service to the library and the community. Riffer was in attendance at the meeting. He heard praises from his fellow Board members and thanked the Board for his opportunity to serve.

5. ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (ACLAC) APPOINTMENT -

Hegedus reported on her attendance at the ACLAC meetings on May 20 and July 8. At the May meeting, the Commission discussed the issue of the County hiring Discover Books to process discards that the Friends or other library services did not want. Interim County Librarian Carmen Martinez presented the Alameda County Library budget for 2015/2016 at the June meeting. Commissioners asked for more detailed information. Library Finance Officer Darshan Chattha said he would provide more details at a subsequent meeting. Martinez also presented a one page Strategic Plan outline but said that there would be a revised plan in 2017. The Commission is planning a retreat in the fall.

6. APPOINTMENT OF ACLAC REPRESENTATIVES – Hegedus was unanimously appointed (Atkinson/Levin) by the Board to service in the two year term as City of Albany representative to ACLAC. Gonzales was appointed to serve as the alternate (Atkinson/Levin).

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members requested an update from Chattha on the fiscal study that shows a breakdown of direct costs, as well as some comparison of the costs of supplemental library hours with other branches that buy hours – Fremont, Union City and Dublin. Gonzales also asked for an update on the consultant report on materials handling. The Board would like an update on the Library's Strategic Plan. Gonzales also asked for an update on

the floating collection. Future meetings will include a report from Albany Library Manager Edwards on suggestions for the Young Bequest.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. (Atkinson/Hegedus).