

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Lupercio called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Arteaga led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Marquez Cooper gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioners: Carmen Marquez Cooper, Connie Arteaga  
Antonia Lupercio

ABSENT: Commissioners: Olga Urena, Alejandro Mendoza

**STAFF**

PRESENT: Library Director Beatriz Sarmiento and Library Assistant  
Garcia

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Commissioner Marquez Cooper moved and Commissioner Arteaga seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of June 24, 2019. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Arteaga, Marquez Cooper, Lupercio

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Urena, Mendoza

**LIBRARY  
DEPARTMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2019-  
2020**

Ms. Sarmiento reported on this item:

This year's new fiscal budget is status quo, the Library did not have to make any budget cuts. The City Council also approved the Capital Outlay which includes roll down shades and a new public computer counter at Bandini Library; it also includes RFID security gates for Rosewood Library.

**LIBRARY GRANT  
UPDATE**

The commission received an update of grants that the library has received.

- Future Ready Grant – Teen Librarian, Erik Jackiw and Senior Children's Librarian, Sigrid Hudson have been heading this grant. The goal of the Future Ready grant is to help libraries to provide college and career readiness services for and with middle schoolers. The library is taking the opportunity to extend services already provided such as the college fair, financial aid workshops, and college application essay workshops so

middle schoolers have the opportunity to develop important skills and habits.

A key component of this project is for library staff to go out into the community and build relationships. The library has formed a partnership with Rosewood Park School and hope it will lead to a fruitful collaboration in providing informational workshops in the future.

- 2019 Lunch at the Library Grant – The library received \$2000 in funds to support or enhance programming and activities associated with the Free Summer Lunch program.

Children's library staff has planned several programs at the Bristow Park lunch site on Tuesdays and Thursdays after the lunch period. Beginning July 9<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>, children's staff will conduct additional programming such as art and crafts, LEGO programs, and giveaways.

- Library Innovation Lab Grant – The library received \$5000 from California Humanities. It was awarded to fund the creation of programs that will respond to the needs and circumstances of today's immigrants and immigrant communities and foster more inclusiveness.

In order to gather community input for future programs, a survey has been created and two community meetings will be held : July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., in Rosewood Park and on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., in Bristow Park.

- Families for Literacy Grant – The Commerce READs Center was awarded a \$35,000 grant for Family Literacy programming. The funds will be used to offer training to library staff, give staff more hours to help with planning and implementation of programs, and offer a bilingual Early Family Literacy program where parents and children can participate in.

The grant will also support families with early literacy by giving books to participants helping parents build an at home library. These tools will help them incorporate practices to help support literacy at home.

## **REPORT FROM LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION**

### **LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

The Commission received the following library related information:

- Marvel movie sponsored by State Assembly woman Garcia
- Scholarship Breakfast
- CDC Grant information

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ COOPER**

Invited the commission to participate in the Rosewood Park School Science Fair, she will provide information as it becomes available. Shared that there was an article about street artists work in the ELA Library. Informed the commission

that there is information on the CLA website regarding grant opportunities.

COMMISSIONER  
ARTEAGA

Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER  
LUPERCIO

Attended the Spanish Book Club facilitated by Cris Muniz; also attended Dinner and Movie at Bandini Library, and registered for the Summer Reading Program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. to Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.