

Minutes of the
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR MEASURE L
Monday, September 16, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carole Nail at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Members Present:

Carole Nail, City of Benicia; Dotty Schenk, City of Fairfield; Kurt Overholt, City of Rio Vista; Gloria Felder, City of Suisun, Bruce DuClair, City of Vacaville, Kathryn Clark Silveira, City of Vallejo,

Members Absent:

Ginger Emerson, City of Dixon

Others Present:

David Dodd, Director of Benicia Public Library, Aida Buelna, Acting Interim Director of Dixon Public Library, Bonnie Katz, Solano County Director of Library Services, Chris Rogers, Management Analyst for the Library, from the County Administrator's Office, Tamie Tvrdik, Clerical

3. INTRODUCTIONS:

Aida Buelna, Acting Interim Director of the Dixon Public Library introduced herself. Ms. Katz introduced Chris Rogers, Management Analyst for the Library, from the County Administrator's Office

ACTION 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES :

Mr. DuClair moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting; seconded by Mr. Overholt. Motion carried. So ordered by 6-0 vote.

ACTION 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Overholt moved to approve the September 16, 2019 agenda; Ms. Schenk seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by 6-0 vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

8. DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Measure L Expenditure Plan reports from the Library Directors of Benicia, Dixon and Solano County were attached.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION

The Committee will review and prepare an annual report on the expenditures for the Board of Supervisors and the community.

Chair Nail stated that it is the Oversight Committee’s intent to make the reports as transparent as possible so the public can see that the funds received from Measure L monies are being spent on:

- Materials
- Programs for children and youth
- Maintaining library hours
- Library building maintenance
- Literacy

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Measure L expenditure plans for Benicia, Dixon and Solano County libraries.

Chair Nail noted that Measure L monies account for approximately 12%* of the Dixon Public Library’s overall spending, approximately 30% of the Benicia Library’s total materials budget and 32% of the Solano County Library’s overall budget.

*Update: The Interim Acting Director of the Dixon Public Library, Aida Buelna updated this figure to 72%. The Measure L Expenditure Table for Dixon is correct and reflects that.

Ms. Katz added that this year over \$7 million had been raised from the Measure L 1/8 of a penny sales tax.

Mr. Du Clair moved to accept the reports as presented and use them to prepare the annual report to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Felder seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by a 6-0 vote.

This report will be on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Chair Nail will represent the committee at the Board of Supervisors meeting, along with Ms. Katz.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBER REPORTS:

- a. Mr. Du Clair shared that there are many programs in the Vacaville libraries including sewing, genealogy and they are always busy. He added his puppy participates in the Read to a Dog program.
- b. Ms. Buelna shared that September-October is Hispanic Heritage month and the Dixon Library has lots of activities surrounding that. In addition, she announced that their Youth Librarian, Jim, is retiring.
- c. Mr. Dodd announced Benicia has launched the Student Success card with the school district so the student ID cards are library cards as well. He thanked the Solano County Library for their help with that. He also spoke of the human library concept where they will be having discussion panels to discuss difficult issues; ie privilege, to promote understanding in the community. Also the Benicia Library has a new roof.
- d. Ms. Katz announced that the Summer Reading Challenge had over 8,500 participants which added up to reading for a total of 2.4 years. Also Solano County Library has launched the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
- e. Mr. Overholt shared that the Rio Vista Library is collaborating with the schools in their programs.
- f. Ms. Schenk shared there is a Writer's Tool Kit program at the Vacaville Town Square Library in September for those learning how to write a book.
- g. Ms. Clark Silveira shared that the Mindful Movement classes will start again in October in Vallejo and will include yoga and songs.
- h. Chair Nail shared that the Benicia Friends gave about \$70,000 to their library from book sales this year.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

September 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.