

Minutes of the  
**SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Monday, March 21, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair McCallum at 6:31p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

**Members Present:** Noah Dove, Dave McCallum, Kelli Mahoney, Sergio Maciel, Dotty Schenk, Neil Hall, Stephanie Cobb, Ariel Ortila, Lloyd McCabe, Diane Barney

**Members Absent:** Maria Hernandez

**Others Present:** Suzanne Olawski, Solano County Library Director of Library Services; Lisa Lin, Solano County Library Administrative Manager, Cathy Sheldon, Solano County Library Office Assistant III, Brenda Guzman, Solano County Library Office Assistant II

**3. INTRODUCTIONS:**

Ms. Olawski introduced Lisa Lin, Admin Services Manager, Solano County Library.

Ms. Helen Vinson, Ms. Page Frechette, and Ms. Kay Juhl, Friends of the Vacaville Libraries were in attendance.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS MAILED FOR MEETING OF January 24, 2022:**

Ms. Cobb moved to approve the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes; Ms. Schenk seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by 6-0 vote. Ms. Barney abstaining.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Mr. McCabe moved to approve the March 21, 2022 agenda; Mr. Hall seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by 7-0 vote.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Vinson stated the Vacaville newspaper stated the Council was going to discuss the expansion of the Vacaville Cultural Center Library and the Friends of the Library bookstore. Ms. Vinson stated the Friends raise money for Summer Reading programs and year-round programming along with other non-programming items for the Vacaville libraries. There is not enough space to hold book sales and store books. The Friends need dedicated space for a bookstore and storage.

Ms. Frechette stated she would like space allocated to the Friends for book sales and storage. She stated this has been discussed for over 10 years and wonders if it will ever happen in her lifetime.

Ms. Juhl stated space for a bookstore has been tabled before and then rescheduled. It's been more than 10 years, and still no space. Preparing for the book sales is very time

intensive. As years come and go, there are less volunteers and less active membership at meetings. She feels the Friends will spend time preparing for book sales, advertising, etc. it will be like “throwing a party that no one comes to.” Dedicate space is needed to support ongoing book sales in order to keep supporting the libraries.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Ms. Olawski presented a card she received from Mr. Ronald Heinrich (former member of the Solano County Library Advisory Council). Mr. Heinrich thanked the Council for sending a resolution in his honor for his many years of service on the Council.

**8. DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

In addition to Ms. Olawski’s written report, she reported the Vallejo Unified School District is moving forward with the Memorandum of Understanding for the Student Access Card program. Ms. Olawski will keep the Council up to date with the progress of this partnership. The school district stated they would like the program in place by August 2022 at the start of the new school year.

The Solano County Library Foundation is holding a Juneteenth celebration of African American Culture: *Migrating and Moving Forward* at the Hilton Garden Inn on June 25, 2022. Keynote speaker is Willie L Brown, former State Assembly Speaker and Mayor of San Francisco.

The Vacaville Cultural Center Library (VCC) expansion project is moving forward. There are display boards at VCC for the public interaction to indicate why they come to the library and how they use the library. Ms. Olawski reported she received a date for the design team community input meeting which will be on April 5, 2022, 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Vacaville Cultural Center Library. The community input will inform space needs for the library. There is also an online survey available for community input which is on the library’s website. Mr. McCallum inquired how the word is getting out about the meeting; Ms. Olawski stated through media releases, the library’s website, and social media. Mr. McCallum will publicize the information on local radio.

Mr. Hall inquired about the state park initiative. Ms. Olawski stated there are two programs, one with Solano County Parks and the other with California State Parks. The Library will partner with Solano County Parks to promote outdoor learning and (re)introduce individuals and families to the great outdoors in Solano County and offer backpacks for check-out. State Park Passes will provide a free day use admission to select state parks. Ms. Olawski stated she will update the Council as she receives more information.

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. The Council will discuss *Article VI: Amendment to Bylaws* of the Solano County Library Advisory Council Bylaws and may take action regarding adding “Agenda Building” to future agendas (Article IV, Section 4). After recommended change has been approved by the Council, such change will be presented to the Board of

Supervisors at a regular meeting for their approval (Amendment #5, February 10, 2009). (Attachment) **ACTION**

This item is postponed until the May 16, 2022 meeting.

- b. The Council will discuss and may take action on correspondence to the Vacaville Friends in support of space for a bookstore as part of the Vacaville Cultural Center Library expansion project. **ACTION**

Mr. Hall moved to approve a written correspondence to the Vacaville Friends in support of space for a bookstore as part of the Vacaville Cultural Center Library expansion project; seconded by Mr. McCabe. Motion carried. So ordered 10-0 vote.

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. The Council will discuss the FY 2022/23 requested budget and may take action. (Attachment) **ACTION**

Ms. Cobb moved to approve the FY 2022/23 requested budget; Mr. Hall seconded. Motion carried. So ordered 10-0 vote.

- b. The Council will discuss *Article II, Section 4: Members of Advisory Council* of the Solano County Library Advisory Council Bylaws. The Chair of the Council may request a new appointment be made to represent the City of Vallejo. (attachment)

The current member representing the City of Vallejo has not attended at meeting since May 2021. Chair McCallum requested a new appointment from the City of Vallejo to the Solano County Library Advisory Council. Ms. Olawski will notify the City of Vallejo.

#### **11. ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBERS REPORTS:**

- a. Mr. Dove inquired if the windows at the JFK Library in Vallejo have been fixed. The windows have been repaired (please see Director's Report)
- b. Ms. Schenk reported she attended Brown Act/Ethics training in November 2021 at her church.
- c. Ms. Barney was not able to attend the Amy Tan event but congratulated the library on a great program. She's looking forward to the Library Foundation Juneteenth event. Ms. Barney thanked the Friends of the Library for all their support.
- d. Mr. Maciel apologized for being tardy. He was at the wrong location.
- e. Ms. Mahoney attended the Amy Tan event with her daughter and stated it was

amazing!

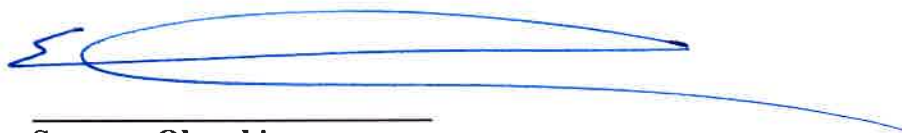
- f. Mr. McCabe stated the Dixon Library is doing well. Mr. McCabe reported he attended Brown Act/Ethics training in February 2021.
- g. Mr. McCallum expressed concern about banned book movements across the country and consideration of a stand against this movement. Ms. Olawski stated the Council will receive a presentation from staff about the Library's materials selection policy and procedures at the next meeting.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

May 16, 2022.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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**Suzanne Olawski**  
**Director of Library Services**