

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD  
HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023**

**CONVENE:** President Carlson convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Community Services Director, Tina Cherry, Library Manager, Carey Vance, Youth Services Supervisor, Ginger Antunez, Management Analyst, Julie Gallardo, Senior Administrative Assistant, Miga Wang.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Boardmember Ramos led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance: Boardmember Ramos, Boardmember Ling, Vice President Harvis, and President Carlson.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** was moved by Vice President Harvis and seconded by Boardmember Ling. There were no objections and the motion was unanimously approved.

**CC-1** Unadopted Minutes of the March 23, 2023 Regular Meeting

**CC-2** Adult and Youth Services Program Report for April 2023

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB):** Logan Shivers, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Holy Angels Middle School in Arcadia provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**AR-1 Library Strategic Plan Q2 2023 Progress Report** – Carey Vance, Library Manager provided the 2023 Q1 Library Strategic Plan Progress Report. As of April 2023, 91 percent of the library's strategic plan goals have been met and 60 activities have been completed. In total, 952 students have received services through the Monrovia Reads Van from January to March 2023. Staff held 90 programs for all ages during January to March with a total of 3,865 participants. The library hosted a variety of diversity programs including Black History Month Celebration and Lunar New Year Celebration and had 686 participants.

The new game collection that consists of Nintendo Switch games, board games and puzzles, has had 223 items checked out in its first two months. The library is offering a new online streaming platform called Kanopy that consists of curated documentaries and films that highlight diversity. The platform has had 300 visits since September.

The Library Enhancement Project plans continue to be underway. The expansion will provide more internal and external space for the community. Staff will continue to provide programs and services that meet patrons needs virtually, in-person, and in the community. The library will be using technology to expand access to library services throughout the community.

**CC-1**

After discussion, it was moved by Vice President Harvis and seconded by Boardmember Ramos to: receive and file Library Strategic Plan Q2 2023 Progress Report.

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

### **RFS-1 Tina Cherry, Community Services Director**

- The Board and Commission Member Recruitment has been extended to May 1. Interviews will be held in mid-late May for Boardmember Carlson and Boardmember Ling ending terms and for the unexpected vacancy of Boardmember Hernandez.
- Congratulations to Vice President, Mark Harvis who was awarded Older Monrovia Award.
- A total of 755 tickets have been sold for the Old Town Monrovia Wine Walk event scheduled on April 15 with 22 businesses participating in the event.
- Repairs have been completed for the Friends of the Monrovia Public Library Bookstore and it is now reopen.
- Monrovia Days will be taking place May 19 through May 21. The City is accepting applications for parade participation and game booth hosts from local organizations. The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library will be hosting a book sale in the Friends Bookstore. The City will be hosting a new exhibit called "Monrovia Days of Yesteryear" that will take place in the multi-purpose room and will showcase the 1986 and 1987 Monrovia parade as well as show scrapbooks from Steve Baker's collection.

### **RFS-2 Carey Vance, Library Manager**

- The library is working on rebranding the Veteran's Resource Center. The funding for the Veterans Connect at the Library program is no longer in effect and is now funded by the City. The Veteran's Thank You Dinner will take place on May 3 in the Library Community Room. The community picnic to celebrate Veteran's will take place on June 24 from 11 am to 1 pm at Library Park. Hayden Velasquez, the Veterans Service Officer will be expanding services at the library and will be available to Veterans Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm and Thursday 12 pm to 5 pm.
- The Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage celebration will take place on May 6 from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Youth Service area. There will be a Hula Dance show and activities.

## **LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:**

**LR-1 President Carlson:** The Foundation is working on scheduling their next meeting soon.

**LR-2 Vice President Harvis:** The Historical Museum is hosting a Yard Sale on May 7.

**LR-3 Boardmember Ling:** Lucinda Garcia Park had an opening ceremony on March 25. The Ralph Walker Bench dedication took place on April 14. The Ralph Walker film will be playing at LOOK Cinema on May 7. The Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) Conference is taking place on April 29 at Second Baptist Church. Boardmember Ling will be giving a presentation on the diversity of Monrovia and will be participating in the Monrovia Historic Preservation Group (MOHPG) home tours.

**LR-4 Boardmember Ramos:** The next upcoming Friends meeting will take place on July 10.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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