

SILVER SPRING: BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES E. MCGEE LIBRARY
Library Advisory Committee Minutes, January 17, 2023

Meeting online via zoom began at 7:35 PM.

SSLAC Members:

Present: Martha Kyrillidou (Chair), Paulette Dickerson, Chauna Wiggins, Scott Shoreman, Saa Fillie, Jill Niebrugge Brantley, Regina Germain, Wendy Gales, and Vikram Pant, MCPL Interim Board Liaison.

Absent: Diana Holmes and Rodney Elin

Others Present:

- Eric Carzon, Silver Spring Regional Manager

1. Roll Call took place
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting and approval of current agenda; Paulette Dickerson motioned and Scott Shoreman offered a second for approval of minutes. The minutes of [December 19, 2022 were approved unanimously](#).
3. Paulette Dickerson offered a motion to nominate Chauna Wiggins to serve as secretary for the year, and Scott Shoreman offered a second for the acceptance of the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.
4. Eric Carzon offered a report that included a Public Safety meeting at the White Oak Community Center and the current status of Library services (staff vacancies and recruitment, Teen programming, disruptive behavior, and Purple Line construction), collections, programs, and the facility: [Agency Manager's Report](#).
 - a. We discussed the implications for signage, parking, and construction noise once the Purple Line construction begins on Library grounds.
 - b. Martha Kyrillidou committed to reaching out to Montgomery County College for a LAC representative.
5. Vikram Pant offered a report: there was no Library Board Meeting last week. J. Flores, Director of Programming and Outreach gave a presentation and the OMB Analyst shared the budgeting process: [MCPL Board Report](#).
 - a. Martha Kyrillidou added links for operating and capital improvement to the MCLB Report.
 - b. Vikram Pant discussed budgets.
6. In the Chairs report, Kyrillidou discussed her strategy for identifying new LAC members: [January 19, 2023 Agenda](#).
7. After Jill Brantley logged into the meeting, Paulette Dickerson stated that while we could not count Jill present for the approval of the minutes or the initial vote for secretary, she suggested that we should vote again.
8. Paulette Dickerson offered a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Shoreman offered a second for the approval of the minutes. The [December 19, 2022 were approved unanimously](#).
9. Paulette Dickerson offered a motion to nominate Chauna Wiggins to serve as secretary for the year, and Regina Germain offered a second for the acceptance of the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.
10. Paulette Dickerson provided an update on the Purple Line meeting; she is attending this week.
11. New Business: We discussed the [Khmer Language Program in Long Beach Public Library funded by CA State Library](#), and the current reality of world languages at BG as well as the possibilities of implementing a similar program at BG.

- a. Martha discussed the possibility of launching pilot programs for a world languages program at BG.
 - b. Eric Carzon mentioned that world languages are a priority for MCPL, and while BG has done the analysis to determine need, the changes have not been made yet.
 - c. Paulette Dickerson suggested that we update Scott Shoreman's letter to the MCPL Board, that would include the recommendation for world languages and any additional evidence that Scott Shoreman could add to bolster our initial request for a Library refresh.
 - d. Scott Shoreman agreed to write an initial draft that he will share with Martha Kyrillidou, and Martha will finish the letter with Eric's review to ensure that we are reflecting the current state accurately.
 - e. Paulette Dickerson suggested that we vote on the letter once it was completed.
 - f. Martha Kyrillidou recommended that everyone read the Long Beach study: [Khmer Language Program in Long Beach Public Library funded by CA State Library](#) before the next meeting.
12. Wendy Gales attended.
 13. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.