



BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

12:30 PM

330 Park Blvd. Central Library, Mary Hollis Clark, Ground Floor

Attendance

Commissioners:

Present: Sarah Moga-Aleman, Dr. Wendy Ranck-Buhr, Scott Walter, Chris Ryall

Absent: Pat Bevelyn, Sitara Sethi, Mark Tran

Staff: Misty Jones, Tricia Nool, Raul Gudino, Jennifer Jenkins, Rachel Mink

Library Foundation: Patrick Stewart, Natalie Ganz

Friends of the Library: Elida Chavez

e3 CivicHigh:

Item 1: Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Moga-Aleman at 12:33 PM. Their last meeting was on May 6, 2026.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

The May 6, 2026 minutes was approved unanimously

Item 3: Requests for Continuance

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

NAME: Jeff Ridgway

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Chair Moga Aleman addressed the comment submitted regarding Juneteenth.

Item 5: Friends of the Library Report – Pat Wilson, President

The Friends were appalled at the magnitude and scope of budget cuts required of the Library Department for FY27. We have increased our advocacy efforts in response, printing 20,000 No Library Cuts! cards that chapters are encouraging library patrons to complete. Completed cards will be hand-delivered to the Council members by District. Friends are also sending in written comment to Council budget hearings and showing up in person and online. The suggestion that any branch be closed permanently is not one that we will allow. Every community relies on its local library!

We are quite concerned about the elimination of the Matching Fund Program in the FY27 budget; the Match is a boon to our chapters as 150% of funds sent to the Match by a chapter are returned to the branch, and it is unclear what the point of “paying in advance” would be should the money not be matched – it might make more sense for the chapters to pay for programs, materials, and other branch needs directly. There is also the substantial negative effect of losing the Matching Pool Distribution (the other 50% of matched money). As the Distribution is done through an equitable lens, the under-resourced branches which normally receive the larger distributions would be the most impacted.

The Friends will continue our advocacy efforts in the hope of reducing the cuts. We hope that the Commission will join us.

The Friends are sponsoring a table at the upcoming Serving with a Purpose conference, which brings Friends groups, Library Foundations, and library workers from across California together for a day of presentations and workshops. This year we were pleased to be able to offer seats to 3 library staff as well. We look forward to an enjoyable and enriching event.

Book sales continue to do well. Our monthly sale at University Heights will be May 16th (9am – 2pm) and 17th (noon – 3pm). We will also have a stall at the North Park Mini Book Fair on Saturday June 6th (10am – 5pm). There’s no such thing as too many books!

Commissioners are cordially invited to the Friends’ Annual Meeting to be held on June 13th from 10am – noon in the Shiley Special Events Suite here at Central. Our featured speaker will be SDUSD Superintendent Dr. Fabiola Bagula, and we will also honor our “superstar” volunteers from each chapter. It’s a lovely way to meet more of the folks who make our organization.

Item 6: Library Foundation Report – Patrick Stewart, CEO

Advocacy: A lot of folks turned up and it’s been great. Message has been heard about highlighting the value and impact of the libraries.

Op-ed: Will be coming out either in UT, Voice of SD or Times of San Diego about the role that librarians are playing when it comes to homeless services. It’s co-authored by Melissa Peterman, Executive Director of Towns People which is a homeless advocacy organization.

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Oak Park library: Congratulations on the groundbreaking.

Kindness Happens Here: June issue is 90% about the San Diego Public Library. A copy was provided to the Commissioners.

Item 7: e3CivicHigh Update Report - Brett Taylor, CEO

No report

Item 8: Report on Library Construction Projects - Raul Gudino, Deputy Director

The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library Parking Lot Expansion:

The library's new south-east side parking "Phase I" construction was opened for public use. During site work for the northwest parking area ("Phase II"), the team encountered unexpected soil conditions at the bottom of the canyon, which required more extensive excavation and support than originally planned. City conducted additional soil testing to locate more stable ground (bedrock), and the result will be evaluated by the designer for resolution. The traffic signal portion of the project will be removed from the current scope and deferred to a future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project. The traffic control improvements were not found to be triggered by our contract work; however, they can be added as a subsequent phase in the future.

The contractor will be directed to proceed under dispute, and E&CP will coordinate with contractor for remobilization. Libraries will be informed when construction picks up again.

The parking expansion project is coordinating with (3) CIP projects:

The Miramar Valve Replacement's valve vault, this project was completed.

The Library Fire Sprinkler system upgrade project work is complete. However, permit sign-off is pending fire alarm panel delivery/installation. Currently scoping an upgraded Fire Alarm Panel (FACP) due to the age and condition of the existing system to address both the Trouble Codes and get final permit sign-off for the sprinkler system.

The Library Mechanical system and Roof upgrade is expected to start in Mid-May 2026, and the construction duration is estimated to be 8-10 months. Material has been ordered with 14-16-week lead time.

Ocean Beach Branch Library:

Shortlisted Design-Build firms have been interviewed, and contract award is anticipated in May. The project remains on schedule, with contract execution and groundbreaking anticipated in December 2026.

Oak Park Library:

This project has been awarded using a Design-Build Community Based Competitive Design competition with the submission by Barnhart Reese Construction in partnership with RNT Architects being the successful proposal. The award of the first phase (the design phase) was

approved by City Council on October 29, 2024. The Kick-Off Meeting between the contractor's team, project stakeholders and City Staff took place on December 19, 2024, and Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on December 24, 2024. The design phase has officially started; design is anticipated to be completed by Summer 2026 with potential early start packages for site grading and Right-Of-Way work. Phase 2 (the construction phase) was awarded.

Although reviews by DSD have taken longer than initially anticipated, the PM team has coordinated with the City liaison to facilitate individual meetings with reviewers in an effort to expedite the review process. The Design-Build (DB) team is currently preparing the 100% building design resubmittal.

The grading plans were received and approved during the last week of April 2026. In addition, the DB team is currently advancing the 100% Right-of-Way submittal, which is anticipated to be submitted by the end of May 2026.

Construction fencing was installed during the first week of May 2026 to support the commencement of the approved grading activities.

A groundbreaking ceremony in coordination with Council District 4 (CD4) is currently being planned and is scheduled for May 14, 2026.

Old Logan Heights Library:

The building rehabilitation design was completed and approved with the DSD the permit was issued on February 25, 2025. The Kick-Off Meeting between the contractor's team, project stakeholders and City Staff took place on April 9, 2025, and Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on April 11, 2025.

Mobilization commenced on May 12, 2025. Since that time, the contractor has completed abatement activities, interior demolition, and roof replacement. In addition, the contractor has substantially completed the building's rough electrical work, as well as the installation of water, sewer, and associated plumbing infrastructure.

Current activities include coordination and completion of the SDG&E connection scope, ceiling finishes, and lighting installation. Due to roof framing delays associated with unforeseen field conditions, including non-standard material sizing and unexpected water and sewer conditions, project completion is now anticipated in Winter 2027.

Rancho Peñasquitos Library Rehabilitation:

The project final design completed and ready for DSD permitting. The request for the addition of a community patio to the scope of work was re-evaluated due to significant stormwater compliance requirements and will be pursued as a stand-alone project in the future. Currently, the project is underfunded by approximately \$2.5M. Will reach out to Public Libraries Department and evaluate if the project will be funded in FY27. The project solicitation for bid in FY26 was delayed due to funding and is currently on track for award in FY27, pending resolution funding shortfall.

City Heights Performance Annex Expansion:

This is a fast-track project. Project design is complete and permitted. Construction is ongoing. Project completion and opening by early summer 2026.

Item 9: Library Director Report – Misty Jones, Director

Malcolm X – celebrated their 30th anniversary and Rancho Bernardo will be celebrating their 30th anniversary on June 13th.

Item 10: Agenda Items

a. (Action Item) Approve Draft Letter of Support

Motion to approve by Chair Sara Moga-Aleman

Second by: Commissioner Ryall

Aye: Commissioner Dr. Wendy Ranck-Buhr, Commissioner Scott Walter

Absent: Commissioners Pat Bevlyn, Mark Tran, Sitara Sethi

Motion passed.

b. May Revise – Misty Jones, Library Director

We have 2 more meetings. Budget Review Committee on Friday, then the budget should be finalized on June 9th, Tuesday.

The May revise did restore some things to libraries. Restored all of the hours or maintained all of the hours in districts 4, 8 and 9, restored the hours to the Carmel Valley branch library and then restored 250,000 to the match. The IBA's report has recommended for council members to restore the remainder of library hours. However, they have not identified the source of funding.

d. Training for City Boards and Commission Members – Jennifer Jenkins, Deputy Director, Customer Experience

The biggest change that's going to affect your role here is that due to the municipal code and the way that board members and Commission members are defined as volunteers, they are now trying to bring everyone into compliance with mandatory trainings. These trainings are online, and some will be taken annually.

e. Adult Programming Updates – Rachel Mink, Arts Management Associate

Rachel presented the updates to the Commissioners

Item 11: Commissioner Comment

Item 12: Other Business

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Next meeting is on July 1, 2026, 10:00 AM at the Mary Hollis Clark Conference Center, San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, 330 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101

Item 13: Agenda Building

Item 14: Adjournment

Commissioner Sarah Moga-Alemaný adjourned the meeting at 1:06 PM