



# City of Watsonville

Library 2nd Floor  
Conference Room  
275 Main Street,  
Watsonville, CA

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Library Trustees

*Chair Victoria M. Bañales*  
*Vice Chair Barbara Corrigan*

*Blanca Baltazar-Sabbah, Trustee*  
*Joyce Parr, Trustee*  
*Providence Medrano Martinez, Trustee*  
*Diane Muñoz, Trustee*

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Thursday, November 19, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

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#### 1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bañales, Baltazar-Sabbah, Medrano, and Parr

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Martinez, Interim Library Director and Luz Martinez, Administrative Analyst.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OCTOBER 15, 2020 – Trustee Medrano motioned to approve minutes seconded by Trustee Parr motioned passed with four ayes.

#### 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

##### 3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND TRUSTEES

Trustee Baltazar would like to thank library staff for their flexibility and dedication during these difficult times. She appreciates staff finding creative ways to continue to provide invaluable services to our community.

Trustee Bañales would like there to be a farewell meeting for Trustee's whose term expires.

Trustee Bañales would also like to see the meeting date posted in the Pajarorian.

##### 3.2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The Interim Library Director announced that the library applied for a \$20,000 grant to create literacy kits for all ages; notification will be in December for all awardees.

Through T-Mobile's government lending library program, the library received 25-hotspot devices for free; the library will be responsible for paying the internet service fees. Interim Library Director is working on a lending policy that she will present at the next meeting for approval.

#### A. COMMENT FORMS

No comment forms at this time.

### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 4.2 POET LAUREATE

The Interim Library Director will create a google document where trustees can create a guideline for a city poet laureate appointment. In January, the board will discuss and finalize guidelines. See [Poets.org](http://Poets.org) for more details.

#### 4.3 STRATEGIC WORK PLAN UPDATE

Goal 2: Technology (*the library will offer internet and computer access as well as learning opportunities relating to diverse technologies*)

- To bridge the digital divide; the library will be offering hotspots in January to check out to patrons who are 18+.

Goal 3: Celebrate the unique diversity and heritage of our community.

- We are collaborating with a local history group spearheaded by Frank Gravier of USCS on streamlining our local history resources in a central location.
- A representative of LGBTQIA, a lending library project contacted the Interim Library Director with a proposal and mission statement to help the community with books and resources. More information will be forthcoming.
- In January, the library will have on display banners in the lobby windows about the Califas Legacy Project: The Ancestral Journey/El Viaje Ancestral. Led by Museo Eduardo Carrillo which documents four decades of work by five Chicano/a/x artists from the Central Coast region of California: Yermo Aranda, Eduardo Carrillo (1937-1997), Ralph D'Oliveira,

Carmen Leon, and Amalia Mesa-Bains. The project is multifaceted and includes an online resource, a documentary film, a traveling exhibition, and community programs. The artist's book is a spiritual road map, a tool to communicate these artists' deeply rooted understanding and respect for the land and cultures of California.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 PHASED REOPENING PLAN**

The Interim Library Director reviewed the Phased Reopening Plan for the library phase by phase. Since Santa Cruz County is currently in the purple tier; Interim Library Director has decided to suspend limited in-person services and resume curbside services. These services are available Monday-Friday from 12p-6pm. Trustees can email Interim Library Director [aliciamartinez@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:aliciamartinez@cityofwatsonville.org) with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

The Friends of the library will be invited to attend the January Library Board Meeting and provide a financial report. The librarians are working on their 2021 program funding proposals, which will be presented for approval at the next Friends meeting.

### **6.2 PROGRAMS**

The Interim Library Director informed the board about the upcoming library programs via the online flyer and [website](#).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**7:00 pm**