



AGENDA

SPECIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, July 14, 2022

5:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

*Susan Gallagher, Chair; Catherine Adde, Trustee;
Leigh Gluck, Trustee; Laura Palmer, Trustee; Diane Sands, Trustee*

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MOST
CURRENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Trustees Gallagher, Adde, Gluck, Palmer and Sands

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Catherine Adde

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Majority vote of the Board to proceed with Board business.

COMMUNITY INPUT

At this time, any person may address the Library Board of Trustees concerning an item that is not on the Agenda.

State legislation (Govt. Code Section 54954.2) limits the Board's ability to take action on specific requests. Govt. Code Section 54954.2 limits the placement of items on the Agenda for action 72 hours prior to meetings, except for specific findings.

No action or discussion may be undertaken by the Library Board of Trustees on any item if not posted on the Agenda, except that Trustees or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by the public, or a Trustee or staff liaison may ask a question for clarification, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. A Trustee or the Board itself may provide a reference to staff to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or may direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS

1. Recognition of Service to Trustees Procter and Vice Chair Spears

Presented by Trustee Adde.

2. Welcome to incoming Trustees Gluck and Sands – Chair Gallagher

3. Orientation – Library Vision

Presentations by:

- Mayor Gene Goss
- Jose Reynoso – City Manager
- Lori Garza – Interim City Librarian
- Leila Regan – New City Librarian
- Julie Bencosme – President, Friends of the Library
- Rob Stockly – Library Foundation
- Rod Spears – Outgoing Trustee, engineering
- Barry Ziff – Former Trustee, role of trustees
- Rich Procter – Outgoing Trustee, ongoing support

4. Consideration of authorization for Staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Meaningful Improvement Conceptual Design

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize Staff to issue an RFP for a Meaningful Design.

5. Board of Trustee Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees select a Chair and Vice Chair for the new Fiscal Year.

6. Items for Future Agenda

Any items for a future agenda.

****ACTION ITEMS***

Regardless of a staff recommendation on any agenda item, the Board will consider such matters including action to approve, conditionally approve, reject or continue such item. Further information on each item may be procured from the Library Board of Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

The Library Board of Trustees may adjourn to a meeting in August 2022.

If you require special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call the City Manager's Office at 626-355-7135 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.



City of Sierra Madre

Office of the Mayor

March 10, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Chris Holden
State Capitol (Room 5132)
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0041

Honorable Assemblymember Chris Holden,

We, the City Council of Sierra Madre, know that you share our commitment to serve the public in a way that creates a vibrant, healthy, and joyous community. Nothing in Sierra Madre brings our community together like our public library. Each month, over half of the residents of our town visit the library, attend a library event or use a library service. The library is where parents and grandparents come to share their passion for reading with their children in a way that will serve those children for a lifetime. Our library is more than a community center. It is the heart and soul of the community.

The Sierra Madre Public Library was built in 1955, and as such, has been pushed to its limits in terms of both space and deferred repairs. It is neither ADA compliant nor earthquake safe. The City Council, our Library Board of Trustees, City staff and volunteers are addressing these concerns and planning for adaptation of the library to meet the community's evolving needs.

Our community has come together around a plan that would go beyond the library – this plan will transform it into a safer, more useful, efficient and effective space. The \$10 million “meaningful improvement” plan makes these necessary repairs, expands the building’s square footage, and also reimagines the library as part of a larger campus with increased green space and outdoor community space.

The City of Sierra Madre respectfully asks that you provide favorable consideration to this request, which will address long-term building accessibility, seismic concerns, and aims to adapt to the evolving needs of our community. The library has and continues to be an indispensable community resource, nurturing creative and intellectual curiosity, and providing an essential safe space for people of all ages to socialize and bond with peers. Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Goss".

Gene Goss, Mayor of the City of Sierra Madre



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SIERRA MADRE AWARDED \$10 MILLION FOR LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

Sierra Madre, CA. - July 1, 2022

City Officials learned from Assembly Member Chris Holden's Office (41st Assembly), that his Office successfully advocated an award to the City of Sierra Madre Public Library for \$10 million.

In March of this year, Sierra Madre Mayor Gene Goss reached out to Assembly Member Holden's Office to request his assistance in obtaining State funding for Sierra Madre's Library for the purpose of making meaningful improvements to the existing facility. Those improvements involve: long-term building accessibility, seismic concerns, and increased space that includes an outdoor community area.

The Sierra Madre Friends of the Library supported the award of \$10 million, stating "The Sierra Madre Public Library building was built in 1955, and as such, has been pushed to its limits of both space and deferred repairs. While there have been numerous efforts to address these concerns, funding has been a predominant obstacle to achieving these goals."

Library Board Trustee Rich Proctor stated, the Trustees are thrilled and grateful for Assembly Member Holden's hard work in facilitating a grant that will help the Library realize its full potential as the heart and soul of the Sierra Madre community"

Said Mayor Goss, "the Library is one of our City's treasures. It has been in need of major renovation and expansion for many years. The grant is a complete game-changer and will help make renovations possible. I wish to thank Assembly Member Holden for his tireless efforts on behalf of our City. It is a wonderful way to start the 4th of July weekend."

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Library Board of Trustees

Susan Gallagher, Chair
Catherine Adde, Trustee
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Laura Palmer, Trustee

SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY AGENDA REPORT

Consideration of authorization for Staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Meaningful Improvement Conceptual Design

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Leila Regan, City Librarian

Date: July 14, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize Staff to issue an RFP for a Meaningful Improvement Design.

BACKGROUND

The Library has secured a \$10 Million allocation of funds thanks to Assembly Member Chris Holden. City Staff would like to issue a RFP to start on the Meaningful Improvement Library project design.

SUMMARY

Items to be included in the Request for Proposal for Meaningful Improvement Design:

- Interior & Exterior ADA Compliance
- Structural/Seismic Upgrades
- Building Remodel/Repairs
- New Roof
- Asbestos Abatement
- Electrical all systems upgrade and compliance
- HVAC Replace/Upgrade
- Building Expansion
- Dedicated Programming/Community Space
- Dedicated Archival Area
- Dedicated Friends of the Library Area
- Free Book Bench
- Back Lot Design
- Increased Green Space