



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL AND THE LIBRARY BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Special Joint Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council and the Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Primuth on Wednesday, May 03, 2023, at 6:34 P.M. The City Council Chambers are located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Mayor	Jon Primuth
Mayor Pro Tem	Evelyn G. Zneimer
Councilmember	Janet Braun
Councilmember	Michael A. Cacciotti
Councilmember	Jack Donovan
President	Dean Serwin
Vice President	Bianca Richards
Secretary	Annie Chang Long
Trustee	Kenneth Gross
Trustee	Edward Pearson

**ABSENT**

None.

Mark Perez, Deputy City Clerk, announced a quorum.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager; Andrew Jared, City Attorney; Tiara Solorzano, Management Assistant; Mark Perez, Deputy City Clerk were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT****1. Public Comment**In-Person Comment:

Sally Kilby spoke regarding her support for the approval of the Library Strategic Plan.

Melisa Wilson spoke regarding her support for the Library.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION****2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE "LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN, 2023-2027" AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive and file the "Library Strategic Plan, 2023-2027"; and
2. Provide direction to staff regarding short-term and long-term facility improvements.

Library Director Cathy Billings introduced the item and presenter, Jason Bank.

Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Zneimer commented on inclusivity within the future planning of the public Library, exploring other funding options, and preserving the Community Room.

Councilmember Janet Braun applauded Library Director, staff, and Board of Trustees. In addition, Councilmember Braun also spoke on grant options and inquired on the RFP process for the Master Plan.

Board of Trustees Secretary Annie Chang Long commented on the great job staff has done and concerns for safety in restrooms.

Board of Trustees Vice President Bianca Richards echoed comments from previous Board members and agrees that the City needs to modernize the Library.

Board of Trustees member Edward Pearson commented on the great discussions taking place regarding the Library.

Board of Trustees member Kenneth Gross made comments on the importance of this Strategic Plan.

Board of Trustees President Dean Serwin spoke on the grant the City is applying for and stated the City would have to match funds if awarded.

**Hearing no opposition, the presentation was received and filed.**


**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further matters, Mayor Primuth adjourned the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Library Board of Trustees at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Mark Perez  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Jon Primuth  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Mark Perez  
Deputy City Clerk

*Approved at City Council Meeting: May 17, 2023*