

**Minutes — Sonoma County Library — Healdsburg Library Advisory Board
Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 5:30 PM — via Zoom Teleconference**

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Zoom Meeting ID: 84585038371***

1. Call to Order & Introductions (5:30–5:35). The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. Present were LAB members Tom Colbert, Rebecca Simons, Jesús Guzmán, Paul Grill, and Barbara Rosen; Interim Healdsburg Branch Manager Rachel Icaza; Interim Central Branch Manager Jon Haupt; City of Healdsburg Council Liaison Skylaer Palacios; Friends of Healdsburg Library President Tracy Logan; Sonoma County Wine Library Association President Julie St. John; and community member Mark McMullen.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting (5:35–5:40). The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Public Appearances (5:40–5:45). Mark McMullen attended the meeting but offered no public comments.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair (5:45–5:50). LAB voted to approve Becky Simons to continue as Chair and Barbara Rosen as Vice Chair.

4.2 Followup from “What will the library look like in ten years?” Survey (5:50–6:00). Andy offered a basic update that the ADA assessment of buildings is complete and the firm is working on reports, but they have not been presented yet. Hoping to see something at the next (February) Commission Meeting. Hopefully the Healdsburg Refresh will be happening soon. Mark offered a comment—Is this the right building for the library to be in? Do we need a building that is bigger, more accessible, more meeting rooms, etc. The LAB should think in a long-term manner so that we can start to get things moving in the right direction for a more distant future. Mark suggested the possibility of community meetings at which the discussion is about the community needs that the library could fill.

Andy noted that according to the JPA, the Library and the City work together and it's the City that needs to provide the facility. In the Roseland deal, there was a lot of long planning and a bunch of community push that made things happen with that deal. Ultimately, it is important that the community make it clear to the City what is needed.

4.3 Meeting times (6:00-6:05). The LAB agreed to change the meeting times to the 2nd Wednesday of March, June, September, and December, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The LAB voted and approved this change.

5. Reports

5.1 Library Director's Report (6:05–6:10). No report was given at this meeting.

5.2 Commissioner's Report (6:10–6:15). Andy offered a report. Looking forward to midyear budget adjustments, the tax revenues, and where we are headed for the next budget cycle. The budget needs to reflect the priorities of the organization, and Admin has been

working hard to figure out the best way to implement new programs/strategies as part of the new Reimagining Plan and what budget changes will be needed to support those changes.

5.3 Branch Manager's Report (6:15–6:20). Jon reported on the Library's expanded hours – the Libraries are now open 10–6 Monday, 10–8 Tuesday and Wednesday, 10–6 Thursday through Saturday. We are back in virtual programming for a while because of the Omicron variant, and probably will begin looking at outdoor storytimes again soon. We have received the BiblioBike and started working on learning to ride it, as well as awaiting vinyl logos and such to complete the look of the bike. We had a wonderful time at Día de los Muertos with Corazón, staff from around the county, and the BiblioBus.

5.4 Friends' Reports (6:20–6:25). FOHL: The Friends Board has lost a lot of people moving away and such, and in need of volunteers. There is a new library lobby-based book sales strategy, which so far is a good success. Looking forward to sales in 2022.

SCWLA: Upcoming events and such are listed in the written report. For the upcoming event, we are continuing as planned, but cut the number of available tickets down so that we do not hit the 50 person limit during the Omicron-related health order.

5.5 City Council Liaison Report (6:25–6:30). Skylaer reported on the activities at City Council. Over the last two council meetings, there has been a big agenda item on housing. There was a kickoff presentation by a housing element workgroup. A midyear checkin was held about goals passed in March/April. Recently had new appointments of Parks & Rec Commissioners. The budget plan presentation recently was done by Andrew, the Financial director. In the most recent meeting, the Council took a look at the contract for Project Homekey for L&M Motel, the Contract for the Chamber of Commerce, and the water shortage contingency plan. City is changing from a 3-stage plan of water reduction to a 6-stage plan. In two days, there will be a first meeting with a consultant facilitating goals for the next year; this is an opportunity to make suggestions as to goals for the City that might relate to the library.

6. Other items (6:30). There were no other items.

7. Adjournment (6:30). The meeting was adjourned on time.

Upcoming Meetings

The remaining meetings of the Healdsburg LAB for 2022 will be: March 9, June 8, September 14, and December 14. All Meetings take place on the Second Wednesday and begin at 5:30 PM.