

**MINUTES**  
**Sonoma County Library**  
**WINDSOR REGIONAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2022 4:00 P.M.**  
Held Via Teleconference (Computer or Telephone)

PRESENT: Mike Neely, Jennifer Alvarez, “D” Graner, Phil Hoeft, Barbara Maes, Deborah Doyle, Esther Lemus

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING: Approved as presented.

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORTS: Elections in November; Campaign limits are \$500 per donation for Mayor, \$250 for Councilmembers; successful Taco Fest and Lowrider Show last Saturday; roundabout on Windsor Road is moving into the next stage, hopefully done by the time school starts; interviewed for new town manager and hope to hire before the end of this month; affordable housing complex is being built on Old Redwood Hwy; development by Oliver's is moving along with 387 market rate units; a 134 unit affordable housing development at 295 Shiloh has broken ground.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Erica Thibault is the interim library director; library erased all fees incurred between March 10 2020 and May 29 2021 due to the pandemic, Sonoma Valley BiblioBox opened July 5; May and June were busy outreach months.

LIBRARY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Finished this year's budget, a couple of commission seats are being filled; the foundation is raising funds for the permanent Roseland Library; Windsor Town Council reappointed Deborah as commissioner for another four years; ALA met in person for the first time in three years and 13,000 people attended; incident with the Rohnert Park Library LGBTQIA display when an individual checked out all the displayed items; putting out an RFP requesting firms for requiting for library director.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT: Children's librarian has accepted branch manager position in Rohnert Park/Cotati; hiring for Sunday hours with a part time associate and part time circulation staff member; did two successful tabling events on the Town Green for outreach; library is getting busier, especially with summer reading; a new LAB member, Connie Ochoa, has been approved; Windsor was one of ten libraries approved for the California Libraries Open+ Grant which allows approved/trained users access to the library during extended hours starting about October; partnered with the food bank by handing out books; Windsor LAB youth applicants must be in grades 9-12.

FRIENDS OF THE WINDSOR LIBRARY REPORT: Sponsored the band at the June 2 Summer Nights on the Green; book cart sales are up and down; held 2 successful book sales during the Sunday farmers' market, the next sale is July 24 and we have one more in August; officer

election was held at the -nd of the Annual Membership meeting, the 2022/23 officers are: President-“D” Graner, Vice President-Paula Hawkes, Secretary Linda Challoner, Treasurer-Mike Neely.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Hiring staff for Sunday hours (one FTE for Windsor), which may start in September or October with Sunday hours being 1-5; the Open+ hours are being discussed; offering more electronic books to enlarge the collection; SonomaFi Connect grant provides connectivity for events to serve the underserved communities.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara is having a baby, due the end of October; Esther is adopting two puppies; members of the commission have discussed having a countywide in person LAB meeting and countywide in-person Friends meeting; commission also has discussed having a “thank you” party for all volunteers next spring.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 4:58pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
“D” Graner, Secretary