

Malibu City Council
Library Subcommittee
Special Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

2:00 P.M.

City Hall – Multipurpose Room
23825 Stuart Ranch Road

Mayor Karen Farrer
Councilmember Jefferson Wagner

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Report on Posting of the Agenda – November 7, 2019

Public Comment *This is the time for the public to comment on any items not appearing on this agenda. Each public speaker shall be allowed up to three (3) minutes for comments. The Subcommittee may not discuss or act on any matter not specifically identified on this agenda, pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.*

Discussion Items

1. Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2019

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of February 11, 2019.

Staff contact: Assistant City Manager Soghor, 456-2489, ext. 224

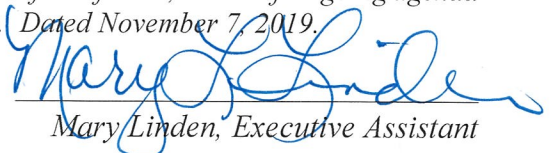
2. 2020 Malibu Library Speaker Series

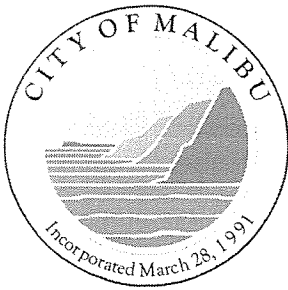
Recommended Action: 1) Discuss the 2020 Malibu Library Speaker Series and Local Authors Series; and 2) Provide direction to staff.

Staff contact: Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo, 456-2489, ext. 350

Adjournment

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Dated November 7, 2019.


Mary Linden, Executive Assistant



Library Subcommittee Agenda Report

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Item 1

To: Mayor Farrer and Councilmember Wagner

Prepared by: Mary Linden, Executive Assistant *ML*

Reviewed by: Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager

Approved by: Reva Feldman, City Manager *RF*

Date prepared: November 6, 2019 Meeting date: November 13, 2019

Subject: Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2019

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes for the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of February 11, 2019.

DISCUSSION: Staff has prepared draft minutes for the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of February 11, 2019, and hereby submits the minutes to the Subcommittee for approval.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Minutes for the February 11, 2019 Library Subcommittee Special meeting

MINUTES
MALIBU LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2019
ZUMA ROOM
2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance:

PRESENT: Mayor Jefferson Wagner and Mayor Pro Tem Karen Farrer

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager, and Elizabeth Shavelson, Assistant to the City Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Mayor Wagner moved and Mayor Pro Tem Farrer seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Assistant to the City Manager Shavelson reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on February 7, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2018
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of October 1, 2018.

MOTION Mayor Wagner moved and Mayor Pro Tem Farrer seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of October 1, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Malibu Library Set Aside Funds 2019
Recommended Action: Provide a recommendation to the City Council concerning the use of the Malibu Library Set Aside Funds for Calendar Year 2019.

Assistant City Manager Soghor presented the report.

John Mazza discussed digitization and the feasibility of a branch library on Heathercliff Road.

Mayor Wagner discussed the 90265 tax base. He stated the library union had expressed concerns regarding travel time to Malibu. He stated nothing could be planned for the City's property on Heathercliff until the City completes a public outreach process.

MOTION Mayor Wagner moved and Mayor Pro Tem Farrer seconded a motion to provide a recommendation that the City Council approve the allocation of \$1,091,000 Malibu Library Set Aside Funds for Calendar Year 2019, including: 1) carryover of \$720,000 from 2018 to 2019; and 2) an additional allocation of the following \$371,000 in new expenditures:

- \$25,000 - additional funds for the Malibu Library Speaker Series program;
- \$130,000 - additional dedicated security guard;
- \$100,000 - enclose the Children's Area; and
- \$116,000 - Outreach Librarian.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

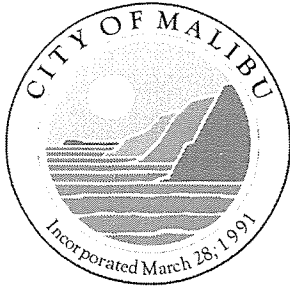
MOTION At 4:27 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Farrer moved and Mayor Wagner seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Library Subcommittee of the City of Malibu on _____.

KAREN FARRER, Mayor

ATTEST:

MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant



Library Subcommittee Agenda Report


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Item 2

To: Mayor Farrer and Councilmember Wagner

Prepared by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director

Reviewed by: Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager

Approved by: Reva Feldman, City Manager 

Date prepared: November 7, 2019 Meeting date: November 13, 2019

Subject: 2020 Malibu Library Speaker Series

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Discuss the 2020 Malibu Library Speaker Series and Local Authors Series; and 2) Provide direction to staff.

DISCUSSION: The Malibu Library is owned and operated by the County of Los Angeles. The County utilizes Set Aside Funds to provide enhanced services through the Malibu Library each year in coordination with the City. This includes discussing priorities for the upcoming calendar year and coordinating programs, such as the Library Speaker Series, which utilize the Set Aside Funds.

Since 2013, the City and County have agreed to fund the Library Speaker Series, which typically costs \$100,000 annually. The format of the Series is to offer nine to ten events each year, including:

- One event per month excluding July and December
- Three to five events at the Malibu Library
- Five to seven events at the City Hall Civic Theater

Over the past two years, speakers have included Environmentalist Annie Leonard, Astronaut Dr. Garrett Reisman, Author Joyce Carol Oates, and Education Advocate Alfie Kohn. The events are free of charge and typically require reservations to attend.

On February 21, 2019, Council approved funding in the amount of \$25,000 for two additional Speaker Series programs featuring local authors. This year, one event was held in September at the Malibu Library, and the second event was held in November at

the Malibu High School Auditorium. The Malibu High School Auditorium was selected to better serve residents of western Malibu and, while attendance was lower than expected, staff plans to explore additional facility venues in 2020.

The Local Authors Series program has been well received by the community, and several local authors have expressed interest in participating in future events. Staff recommends continuing the Local Authors Series quarterly through 2020 and that authors participate in an application process to be selected. The selection of authors will be based on the availability of the speaker and facility, book reviews, topics, and book availability.

It is anticipated that the 2020 Malibu Library Speaker Series will commence in January and follow the same format as previously approved. The Subcommittee members have previously provided staff with potential subject recommendations and speakers they would like included in the series. Once the Subcommittee provides input and direction regarding the series, staff will work with the Malibu Library to research costs and schedule speakers.

ATTACHMENTS: Recommended Speakers and topics for the 2020 Malibu Library Speaker Series

2020 Potential Speakers and Topics

The following speakers were suggested by Speaker Series attendees or individuals who contacted the City or Malibu Library directly:

- Chris Erskine – Los Angeles Times columnist and editor who has been a part of two Pulitzer Prize-winning teams at The LA Times. His 2018 book, “Daditude,” is a collection of his favorite Times columns on fatherhood. He has written two other books, “Man of the House” and “Surviving Suburbia,” which reached the Los Angeles Times bestseller list.
- Dr. Stephen Krashen – USC professor; linguist, educational researcher, and political activist. He is the author of more than 250 articles and books in the fields of bilingual education, neurolinguistics, second language acquisition, and literacy.
- Dr. Erica Miller – A Holocaust survivor, entrepreneur, world traveler, and international best-selling author, including the book, “Living Fearlessly: A Holocaust Survivor’s Story.”
- Poetry Summit, *Call to the Wall* – An invitation from the City, Los Angeles County Library, and the Malibu Poet Laureate highlighting poetry in Southern California and locally. In 2020, USC professor and recognized poet, Dr. David St. John will be the featured poet along with Ellen Reich, Poet Laureate, and emerging artists from Malibu schools. The program also includes visual art and musical performances by local artists.
- Sir Ken Robinson – An author, speaker and international advisor on education. He was Director of the Arts in Schools Project and Professor of Arts Education at the University of Warwick, and is now Professor Emeritus at the same institution.
- Elizabeth Rush – Partnership with Pepperdine University’s Climate Calling Conference. Elizabeth Rush is the author of “Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore” and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction. An expert on climate change, she serves as the National Science Foundation’s Antarctic Artist and Writer and is a professor at Brown University.

Suggested speakers from previous years:

- “Above and Beyond: NASA’s Journey to Tomorrow,” a documentary Directed by Rory Kennedy and Produced by Mark Bailey, Clare Tucker, and Pat Bischetti. NASA has taken us to the moon, to the surface of Mars and beyond the solar system, but just as importantly, it has played a vital, ongoing role in expanding our knowledge of our imperiled planet.
- Dr. Elliot Engel – Author of 10 books and host of a popular Charles Dickens mini-lecture series on PBS. Dr. Engle has been a Professor at the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University and Duke University. He has had many successful lectures at the City of Calabasas.
- Aprille Ericsson-Jackson – Aerospace Engineer who was the first person of color to receive The Washington Award from the Western Society of Engineers, Ranked 8 of 20 on the Most Powerful Women Engineers (2016).

- Charles Phoenix – An American pop culture humorist, historian, author, and chef who explores and celebrates the 1950s and 1960s kitsch and Americana. Author of the book, *Addicted to Americana: Celebrating Classic & Kitschy American Life & Style*.
- Jonathan Taplin – Director Emeritus at Annenberg Innovation Lab based at USC. Author of the book, *Move Fast & Break Things: How Facebook, Google, and Amazon Cornered Culture and Undermined Democracy*.
- Dr. Adam Winkler – Author and professor of constitutional law at UCLA School of Law. Author of *Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America*.

Topics

Arts and Entertainment
Documentary Movies
Environment

Medicine/Health
Political
Social Issues

Sports