



MINUTES

LIBRARY BOARD

April 15, 2025

5:45 PM

IN-PERSON

MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Meeting called to Order at 5:45 PM
2. **ROLL CALL**
Members Present:
Member Meghan McGarrity
Member Tamina Painter
Member Aurora Hvidsten
Member Rose Cowan
Member Adele Oliveira
Library Director Margaret Neill
3. **Members Excused:**
Member Mark Lupinetti
Member William Karnoscak
4. **Others Attending:**
Therese Martinez, Project Administrator, Clerk
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Tamina Painter made a motion to approve the Agenda.
Aurora Hvidsten seconded the Motion.
Unanimous approval.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of March 18, 2025 minutes.
Meghan McGarrity said she found one typo in the minutes on page two in the middle of the page. The word block was misspelled. Adele Oliveira commented on the statement that the Midtown Master Plan was developed around “people, planet and profit”. Discussion on the statement. Megan McGarrity stated that she got to introduce the bank President, from the bank she is employed at, to Daniel Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez does want to return and speak to the Board on elevating Fogelson along with the other Midtown projects to get community buy-in. Phil Gesue has his studios and there are mixed feelings about that. She suggested focusing on the Fogelson Library and that it would get the community excited about what’s happening at Midtown.



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They also had a developers' forum that she went to. Justin Green is one of the County Commissioners and she mentioned the \$25,000.00 that the County gives to the library. They had a brief discussion on various issues surrounding that subject. He acknowledged that they "were not pulling their weight". Further discussion on the County share. Meghan McGarrity asked for a motion to approve the Minutes.

Tamina Painter made a motion to approve the Minutes.

Adele Oliveira seconded the Motion.

Unanimous approval

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion on Public comment. No public comment.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Margaret Neill, Library Director mmneill@santafenm.gov, 505-955-6788

Margaret Neill stated that the Library is short-staffed. The City's budget staff has further adjusted the Library Division's budget. \$46,534.00 is the amount cut from the Library budget. After the submittal of the flat maintenance budget, they used three years' worth of expenditure data to determine how much the libraries should get. They cut Contract Services, Professional Services, and a couple of other places. So, this may require some shuffling of other areas to adjust to the loss of funds. The courier service and security service will be affected. The Library has been running really "lean" for a long time, so every dollar is used. The Library is probably the only division that has financial backup (funding) through the Friends (of the Library) and the State Library. State funds cannot be used to replace what the City cuts. If that is done, the Library loses the money. It is intended to supplement. Discussion on cuts in funding and the impact on the public.

La Farge Branch Library is working with an artist who is creating two adobe sculptures embedded with native seeds that will kind of melt with moisture and the seeds will grow.

At Southside Branch Library they are getting a mural in the Children's Room based on the Joe Hayes story, The Day It Snowed Tortillas.

The Community partners have been impacted by the random budget cuts at the Federal level. So, they are still figuring out what that's going to look like. The New Mexico Humanities Council lost their funding (Grant). She doesn't know if they have any back-up plans for this. The Library uses their funding for book talks and authors. That's where the Anna Pacheco talks are funded. The Library will have to look for ways to pay for these things. The State Library is probably going to lose some access to databases. They will have to rethink the Book Mobile service to the rural communities and Books by Mail. If the USPS services gets chopped, that may not be an option.

Their March statistics were excellent. They have increased the Library card holders,



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16% over the past year. Circulation is up and they continue to have very large Program attendance.

Discussion on Pueblos being able to get library cards. Discussion on funding being cut from the federal level. Discussion on Books Behind the Business. Discussion on Free Libraries and school field trips to the Library, outreach to seniors and NM State Prisons. Discussion on any voids the Friends of the Library group can fill. Discussion on teaming up on projects with Library staff. Suggestion to rotate book collection at Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center by volunteers. Discussion on Book sales and volunteer activity.

9. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mark Lupinetti, President of the library Advisory Board,
fmupinetti@hotmail.com
None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Brainstorm issues/concerns to present to Daniel Hernandez at May's Meeting. Discussion on inviting Daniel Hernandez back. Discussion on Parking being located 1/4 mile walking distance and the walkability. Discussion of shuttle service. Discussion of bus stop locations. Discussion on lighting at night for walking. Discussion on paid versus free parking. Discussion on validation of parking and scanning library cards. Discussion on creating barriers and significant expense. Discussion on La Farge and the Tino Griego Pool and safety. Discussion on safety. Discussion on following up on how the Developer's meeting went with Daniel Hernandez and the next stages. Megan McGarrity said she could send the Board the parceling layout for Midtown and what it can be used for. The deadline for submittals is June. Discussion on it being an election year. Discussion on Affordable Housing and "fee in lieu of " and the 30% requirement. Midtown is working with Homewise. Discussion on residents not being able to find affordable housing and segregating a single area as affordable. Discussion on City Budget Hearings. Discussion on who's running for Mayor and the changing of the City Charter. Action items for the next meeting for Daniel Hernandez are: Advocacy for Free Parking and Access Solutions. Discussion on Midtown building activity and with Fogelson being moved to being part of Midtown Development versus under Facilities.

b. General Midtown Discussion-Meghan McGarrity
Covered at the beginning of the meeting.

c. Discussion and prepare HB 27 information to invite Representative Cates to a Meeting. Discussion on inviting Representative Cates and who has had contact with her, what to ask of her in regard to the weeding policy, and lessons learned in her experience introducing the legislation. Discussion on it being the second year for this Bill. Representative for the Main Library District is Rena Szczepanski. Discussion on inviting both representatives. Discussion on other representatives and having Mark Lupinetti extend the invitation.



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Discussion on spreading out the guest speakers.

d. Vote on Proposed Vision Statement

Discussion on the Vision Statement: "Everyone is a citizen of the realm of ideas", and is it too abstract? Who is the audience? Discussion on reaching the non-users of the Library, other libraries visions, all age ranges, accessibility, beyond books, 21st century libraries. Further discussion at next month's meeting on a revised Vision Statement.

e. Discussion on time limit for public comment

It is up to the Chair of the Committee to decide on the time limit is what was discover and researched.

f. Friends of the Library Report-Tamina Painter.

There was closure on the Printer Contract.

11. OLD BUSINESS

a. Collaboration continued on Vision and Values Statements

Redirection on the Vision Statement and rethinking of the same words for the Values.

b. Group Discussion on Weeding Policy

Invitation for June to invite Collection Development Manager to Meeting.

c. Update on Printer Contract for the Library printers' replacement.

Covered in Tamina Painter's report.

d. Update on Operating Agreement with the Friends of the Library.

It is currently in the City Attorney's office being reviewed.

12. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday May 20, 2025 at La Farge Branch Library at 5:45 PM.

13. **Adjourn:**

Aurora Hvidsten made the Motion to Adjourn.

Meghan McGarrity seconded the Motion.

Unanimous approval.

Therese Martinez

Liaison

Meghan F. McGarrity

Meghan F. McGarrity (Dec 10, 2025 09:21:39 MST)

Chair