



## EMPIRE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### Members:

Christopher Nunes, Chair

Dorothy Roberts, Secretary

Fabian Tamayo, Vice-Chair

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 @ 6 PM

Empire Community Library, 98 I street, Empire, CA 95319 - Community Room.

Present: Christopher Nunes, Fabian Tamayo, and Dorothy Roberts

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Nunes.
2. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.  
*Community Manager, Erica Inacio, offered translation for non-English speakers.*
3. Chair Nunes welcomed the public and MAC members introduced themselves.
4. June 22, 2022, Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved – made corrections to hours referenced for Stars program.
5. Public Comment
  - Miguel Donoso presented a letter from Department of Transportation – see attachment.
  - Mr. Franz stated that the signage for the library is poor from Yosemite Avenue to the front of the library building.
6. Community Reports
  - Public Safety:
    - i. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
      - Deputy Austin Davis reported 81 calls ranging from multiple drug abuse violations, 19 traffic citations, and 7 other miscellaneous calls. He stated they have hired ten new deputies that are in the orientation phase.
    - ii. California Highway Patrol
      - Officer Moore reported 3 non-injury accidents, 1 hit and run, 3 abandoned vehicles with one being a RV, 2 reckless driving citations, and 2 stolen vehicles. He stated that a speeding taskforce with the sheriff's department will be present at drop off and pick up times in the school zones.
    - iii. Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
      - Captain Austin Lund reported 129 calls with 31 being fire related, 4 service calls, 64 EMS related calls, 4 false alarms, and 2 hazard calls. He reported the natural gas leak they assisted with off Cameron Way.

Captain Lund also reported 2 fires near the Santa Fe bridge. They also formed and deployed 2 strike force teams to help fight wildfires. He also stated they have 6 cadets currently going through the fire academy. Captain Lund also cautioned awareness for the wildfire season.

- Local Government:

- i. Board of Supervisors –Channce Condit

- Russel Fowler reported for Supervisor Channce Condit. Their office is working on a bring the community together project. All though not official, they are planning a possible community movie night with food vendors. They are aiming for October 8th to show the movie Hocus Pocus. He also stated they are still working with CalTrans on the pothole issues. Supervisor Condit toured the assisted living facility and was very impressed with what they do.

- ii. Chief Executive Office

- Erica Inacio, Community Manager, shared an update on the ARPA funds. On August 16th there was a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on the criteria and on how to divide the funds, as there are different needs for different unincorporated areas and county pockets. On September 20th at 6 pm they will hear staff recommendations on projects by district. The meeting is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the Stanislaus County website under the board of supervisors tab as well as on YouTube. Public comment is welcome, and the agenda will be posted September 16th on the Stanislaus County website.

- iii. School District

- Claudia Manzo, Principle of Empire Elementary, reported school will be in session August 8th. Back to school night and Empire Health and Wellness fair will be September 7th. She also reported security cameras are up and running, and the school is in full support of the community movie night.

- iv. Library

- Diane Ramirez, Library Assistant, deferred her time to Carol Quest and Jane Manly, volunteers of the Stanislaus County Library Foundation. See attachment.

7. Informational Items – None.

8. Action Items - None.

9. Council Comments & Recommendations for Future Agenda Items

- Chair Nunes and Member Tamayo thanked all in attendance.

10. Adjournment: 6:52 pm

Next Regular Meeting – September 28, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

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July 19, 2022

Senor Miguel Donoso  
2544 Beatrice Lane  
Modesto, CA 95355

Dear Senor Miguel Donoso:

This letter is to inform you with an update to your access request #10600.

We are pleased to inform you that, as part of EA #10-1L210, Caltrans plans to proceed with the previously agreed upon resolution to install and update sidewalks, curb ramps, accessible pedestrian signals and detectable warning surfaces in Modesto, California on McClure Road and from E Street to H Street in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The project is expected to begin construction in April 2024.

If this issue has been resolved or you no longer wish to pursue this request, please notify me at [ada.compliance.office@dot.ca.gov](mailto:ada.compliance.office@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Chan".

MEGAN CHAN, Analyst  
Caltrans ADA Infrastructure Program



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**Empire Municipal Advisory Council Public Comment**  
**Carol Blomquist and Jane Manley, Stanislaus Library Foundation volunteers**  
**August 24, 2022**

We're here to share with you the depth and breadth of services provided by the Stanislaus County Library system. We will start with a focus on your Empire branch.

The library's Summer Reading challenge has just ended here. There were 55 children and adult participants, which was a 31% increase over last year. We were thrilled to see that incredible growth in participation.

The Empire Library just celebrated its first birthday; congratulations! Since its opening, the library's location next to schools, the park, and swimming pool has allowed it to work more closely with the community and welcome many more adults and children each day.

Diane, your Empire branch manager, is excited about the new Love Empire project, which provides an opportunity for organizations, such as churches and others, to collaborate with and involve the library in future community events.

Did you know that all the libraries have programs for families of young children? These programs include story times for preschoolers during which young children are introduced to the magic of books. The staff members who conduct these sessions are all trained in child literacy development, so they know exactly what little ones need, including songs, games, finger plays, and stories.

Parents and caregivers can check out "Read to Me Kits," that contain 4 to 6 books, a puppet or prop, a music CD, a bilingual fingerplay booklet, and a bilingual school readiness tip sheet. Kits are available in English and Spanish. Some of the themes are: Amazing Me, Dogs, Bears, Shapes, Colors and Food.

Another program is the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. This free program is for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children, encouraging caregivers to read 1000 books to their little ones before they start Kindergarten - a goal experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves.

Now, you might think that the library only focuses on children; not true. In reality, our system provides for the full spectrum of lifelong learning for our entire community. From Patterson to Newman and Turlock, to Denair, Hughson, Oakdale, Waterford, and Modesto, all programs are available to everyone.

For families with older children and teens, there are Coding Classes, general computer availability and online resources. Some teens do their homework in the libraries.

There is also a wildly popular program called Teen Book Box. Each box contains a handpicked reading recommendation based on the teen's preferences, with swag and a treat.

At the senior end of the spectrum, some county residents are homebound and do not have the ability to get to a library. Volunteers in the Home Delivery Program check out books on the customer's wish list to deliver and pick up later.

Book Clubs can borrow multiple copies of books, often with a large print and CD edition available, to read and discuss together. The kits include discussion questions for the participants.

A new program began this year – the Author Talks ongoing series of live digital events with best-selling authors, hosted via Zoom, that began in July. Customers can register for live events, submit questions for the authors, and view recordings of past events.

Overall, the libraries' materials collection is extensive, meeting the wide array of diverse interest in our community – from medical information and learning new skills, to enriching our curious minds.

All these examples -- materials, programs, and services -- indicate that our library system truly serves to create lifelong learners in Stanislaus County.

In closing, you can see why our Stanislaus Library Foundation is excited about everything our system has to offer and eager to support it in any way we can. We want to spread the word and look forward to more exciting news from the Waterford branch. Thank you for your time and attention.