

**Library Advisory Committee (LAC) of the Davis Community Library**  
**Minutes of Meeting on April 14, 2025**

1. Roll Call of Attendees:

As this was the first meeting of the newly-constituted Davis LAC and officers had not yet been selected, Library Board Liaison Candice Will called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. The meeting was hybrid, with some people attending in person at the library and others attending via Zoom.

Attending in person were:

- Sean Hwang, Davis LAC Member
- Surinder Juneja, Davis LAC Member
- Gray Dickerson, Branch Supervisor, Davis Library
- Candice Will, Library Board Member and Davis Liaison

Attending via Zoom:

- Beth Sawicki, Davis LAC Member
- Steve Warrick, Regional Manager

The LAC presently consists of five members (the three listed above as well as Sonia Juneja and Moutusi Sau). Sonia and Moutusi had previously advised of their inability to attend due to this meeting's conflict with Spring Break. Everyone looks forward to seeing them at the next meeting. Because three of our five members were present (a majority), we had a quorum and were able to proceed with the meeting and consideration of official business.

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

No action was taken under this item as the Davis LAC had not been in existence for a period of time. Accordingly, there had been no recent prior meeting for which Minutes required approval.

3. Election of Officers

As this was the first meeting of the newly-constituted Davis LAC, election of a Chair and Secretary was required. Sean Hwang expressed an interest in serving as Chair. Sonia Juneja had previously stated her willingness to serve as Secretary. No additional nominations were made from the floor. An election was then held. By unanimous vote, Sean was elected Chair and Sonia was elected Secretary. Congratulations to both Sean and Sonia, and thank you for your willingness to serve in these capacities. Candice then turned matters over to Sean as the LAC's newly-elected Chair.

#### 4. Chair's Report

Having just been elected Chair, Sean had nothing to report at this time.

#### 5. Library Board Liaison's Report

Candice reported on the most recent meeting of the Library Board on April 9, 2025, during which the Board heard from two employees of the Montgomery County Public Library system (MCPL), as well as the Director of MCPL.

- Steve Kapani, MCPL Business Operations Office, stated that the County Executive (CE) forwarded his recommended budget to the County Council on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The County Council will make its final decision about the budget in late May. The CE proposed an FY26 budget for MCPL of approximately \$54 million, which represents an increase of approximately 4% over last year's budget. The CE recommended enhancements to the world languages collection and to meet the increased demand for digital materials (it is hoped that MCPL will be able to continue to offer patrons 5 Hoopla checkouts per month). In cost savings, the CE recommended reductions to the Office Supplies, Furniture, and Moving budget, the elimination of two unfilled Program Manager positions, and discontinuation of two costly but under-utilized databases – Brainfuse and Gale Business Insights.
- Angelisa Hawes, MCPL Facilities Office, advised that MCPL continues to employ green initiatives in its updating of old buildings and construction of new buildings, to include solar panels, hydration stations for reusable bottles, LED lighting, rooftop gardens, etc. She said EV charging stations at certain locations are also under consideration. She further stated that four MCPL libraries have received LEED certification: Wheaton, Silver Spring, Olney, and Gaithersburg.
- Darcell Graham, MCPL Director, talked about the success of the March 22-23 MoComCon held at Germantown Library and Blackrock Center for the Arts. Approximately 4,000 attendees participated, more than 500 buttons were made on Saturday, and more than 100 costumed patrons took part in the Sunday parade. She also noted that we just finished celebrating National Library Week and said she sent a message to all MCPL staff congratulating them on their important work.

Candice further advised LAC members that the Library Board has 3 internal work groups – Library Policy, LACs, and Legislative Affairs. The LAC workgroup is considering a pilot project whereby two close-by LACs might meet to share ideas (e.g., Davis and Connie Morella or Chevy Chase). That Library Board's LAC Workgroup will hopefully also undertake another training session this year to train LAC members, especially officers, about their duties and to answer any questions they might have.

## 6. Regional Manager's and/or Branch Manager's Report

Steve Warrick shared that he is very familiar with the Davis Library as he previously worked here. He noted that it is a wonderful library with a strong community vibe. The Davis Library enjoys excellent foot traffic, a great location, and easy parking. He said that since July 1, it has offered 536 programs with approx. 11,000 attendees. Tuesdays and Wednesdays tend to be Davis' busiest days.

Gray Dickerson seconded Steve's comments about the Davis Library. She said that Story Time is very well attended. Davis offers a wide variety of programs, including Science Connection for kids, Teen Lounge, Adult Crafts, Mahjong, English Conversation, Socrates Café, Senior Pot Painting and others.

## 7. Old Business

There was no Old Business as this was our first meeting in some time.

## 8. New Business

It was decided that the next meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. At that meeting, the LAC will decide if it wishes to meet each month or every other month and whether the meetings will be in-person, hybrid, fully remote, or a bit of each depending on the month. It sounded as though meetings would continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, but that is another matter that will be considered at the next meeting.

## 9. Public Comments

There were no members of the public in attendance. Accordingly, there were no public comments.

## 10. Adjournment

Chair Sean Hwang declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.