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#### Paulette-Chair's report

1. County council will go back to meeting in person on march 15. Virtually hearings have been better attended than ever in the past. Operating budget is coming up; cip budget has already happened; exec will present his budget to council on march 15; and if you want to sign up to testify on behalf of budget you can sign up beginning march 24; budget hearings will be april 19 and 20; county council agenda is posted online
2. Library system has gone back to seven day week except for noyes and Maggie nightingale library.
3. Outdoor programs are due to return soon
4. Library at silver spring got new name; jawando suggested naming it after brigadier general charles mcgee, a tuskegee airman who lived in the area and recently passed away, who served in ww2, Vietnam and korea; the name has been officially changed. A dedication ceremony will take place later this year.
5. Question of how lac's can go out into the public representing the library; "the lac represents the users of the library at community functions"

#### Cassandra

1. library continues to distribute covid test kits
2. an offer of employment has been extended to a new library page or shelver; a shelver from praisner library is helping with the transition
3. collections: finalizing a list of titles to order for jan jablonski collection; titles are being selected for purchase to refresh collection; weeding is going on; checking to make sure story walk books are available
4. outdoor programming resumed at beginning of this month; advertising via flyers and online events
5. passive activities (scavenger hunt and take and make activities) are ongoing as well
6. hip-hop science program has been well attended
7. presentation discussing library resources and how to get a library card in mcps at their parent academy
8. councilman friedson recorded reading at the library will be shared in april for national tell me a story day

Minutes for nov and jan were approved

#### Sonja Roberts, new library board liaison

1. board meeting was last night
2. numerous people cycled off the board and we now have a full group of board liaisons, one for each branch; there are seven new board members

3. presentation about what is happening with racial equity and social justice in library system in terms of programs and processes
4. several lac's are being reconstituted as a result of the some in disuse over the pandemic or a little before
5. library branches have made themselves a hub during the pandemic, and keeping that going: masks, test kits, things for kids today. What the library looks like today is different than it looked like previously.
6. Racial equity, justice work presentation by Linda Kirby brown and Rachel xxx may be shared at the upcoming joing meeting which everyone will be invited to attend. Department of racial equity was established by county executive.
7. Anita discussed the deep work that the library system is doing with racial justice. MoCo is focusing primarily on racial equity rather than EDI; this distinguishes from other library systems in the county.

Anita was here to explain the role of the LAC. An outreach team member can be requested to attend the event—farmers markets, spring festivals, outdoor events, etc. The LAC would be speaking with the community about what they would like to see; the lac's are to act as conduits back to the library board. To inform, how can we improve our service, how can the community be more aware of what we hae. Headstart; to make Noyes be something special for all the children in moco, it needs to be on a broader scale

Noyes Foundation Report (Paulette read it, no foundation in attendance)

1. Noyes board has applied for state bond bill. Asked for 900K to complete the fundraising for the foundation. There is no public testimony.
2. Foundation has continued with story walks in the nearby area. Had their first virtual trivia night on zoom. Andrew Friedson recorded Goodnight Moon at Noyes.

Old business

1. Checked on digital signage; should be in place now and is now ready for use

New business

1. On the agenda next time, what can we do, and how can we do them?
2. Nominations for noyes LAC officers next time