

Lucius Beebe Memorial Library
Board of Library Trustees

Meeting Date: May 3, 2022

Meeting Location: Remote Meeting via Zoom

Trustees Present

Jeffrey Quinn, Aimee Lominac, Laura Cutone Godwin, Paul Gordon, Susan Wetmore, Chris Barrett, Jackie Natale

Staff: Catherine McDonald

Attendees: Julie Smith-Galvin, Anne Danehy

Quinn called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

This is an off-cycle trustees meeting with one item on the agenda. The Library Trustees will assess Town Council's request to use the library's flagpole to fly the Pride and Juneteenth flags during June 2022.

In past years, the flags were flown at the Americal Civic Center. However, the veterans have requested to not have the flags flying at the Americal Civic Center's one flagpole along with the American and POW flag.

Town Council met on 4/25/22 and made a motion to support the Library Trustees to fly the two flags on its second pole; not the same pole as the American and POW flag.

There was discussion about the Trustees options regarding agreement of the Town Council's proposal of a one-time monthly event to fly the two flags during June 2022. Discussion included whether this indicates that this is not intended to set a precedent.

Per Smith-Galvin, Town Council was waiting for the Supreme Court ruling before making a policy. (The ruling has since come in, sooner than expected.) The library was identified as a potential site since it is the only municipal building that has two flag poles. There was not enough time for the town to construct a second flagpole on another site. The Town Council and Human Rights Council want to respect the request of the veterans who requested to not have all four of the flags flying on the same pole at the Americal Civic Center.

There was discussion about the recent Supreme Court case involving Massachusetts, and any implications that may have on the Trustees decision.

Smith-Galvin cited the policy of the city of San Jose which provides potential language for a future policy.

Recommendation was made to get guidance from Tom Mullin on how this applies to libraries.

Quinn made a motion to approve the Town Council's request to fly the Pride and Juneteenth flags for the calendar month of June 2022. Lominac seconded.

There was discussion regarding the language. Godwin made the recommendation to specify that the two flags will be flown on the library's second flagpole (separate from the American and POW flags). Gordon made the recommendation to insert the date of the request.

The amended motion reads as follows: To approve the Town Council's request on April 25, 2022 to fly the Pride and Juneteenth flags on the library's second flagpole (separate from the American and POW flags) for the calendar month of June 2022.

The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Quinn made motion to adjourn meeting; Gordon seconded
The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by roll call.