

Sunnyvale City Council Summary - Monday, February 3, 2025

This Sunnyvale City Council meeting was held in person (and possibly online via Zoom) on February 3rd, 2025, at 6:02 PM.

The following council members were present at the meeting:

- * Mayor Pike
- * Vice Mayor Cisneros
- * Council Member Mallinger
- * Council Member Srinibasa
- * Council Member King
- * Council Member Light
- * Council Member Barajas (Deputy City Clerk)

I. Board of Library Trustees Interviews:

- Interviews were conducted for six applicants; one participated remotely.
- Public comment was open before interviews, but none was given.
- Interviews followed a structured format (approx. 15 minutes each).
- Jenny impressed the council with her library program knowledge and proposed budget solutions.
- Mar Junge, a remote participant, strongly endorsed Jenny.
- The council will make its final decision on February 25th.

II. Library Bond Failure & Future Planning:

- Councilmember Mallinger opened discussion on the failed library bond (59% of the vote).
- Insufficient community outreach and perceived lack of public need cited as failure reasons.
- Proposed solutions included improved communication and cost-effective technology.
- Discussion emphasized using technology to enhance services and save money.
- Applicants suggested increasing library visibility through partnerships and outreach.

- Reopening the Lakewood branch and creating synergies between library programs were discussed as part of Plan B.

III. Candidate's Vision for Lakewood Library & Community Engagement:

- Mar Junge detailed her community involvement and vision for the new Lakewood Library, focusing on outreach to underserved communities.
- She emphasized community engagement and collaborations with local organizations (schools, community groups, LVNA).
- Her proposed solutions included improved grassroots campaigning, responsible AI use, and digital literacy initiatives.
- Junge envisioned the Lakewood Library as a central community hub for the Northside.
- Existing library programs were discussed, and candidates offered enhancement and expansion ideas.

IV. Other Candidate Qualifications & Discussion:

- Candidates discussed their existing library relationships, service use, and areas for improvement.
- Suggestions included expanding digital literacy programs through partnerships.
- Addressing the educational and informational needs of immigrant families was highlighted.
- A "library of things" concept, based on successful models, was proposed.
- Evaluation of the library's Vietnamese collection was discussed. Candidates suggested book clubs in different languages.

V. Candidate Interviews & Community Engagement Initiatives:

- One candidate described arts-based community projects, including a Lunar New Year project and a community art installation.
- This candidate highlighted community desire for a maker space, larger programming space, and more arts and crafts programs based on feedback from Measure E.
- Another candidate discussed their use of digital and audio books, suggesting improvements to

collection accessibility and waiting lists. They also praised the "library of things" program.

- Candidates discussed engaging younger generations and addressing evolving community needs.
- Discussions centered around expanding program capacity, potentially through partnerships.

VI. Other Discussions:

- The council took a six-minute break at 7:00 PM.
- Discussion included the American Library Association's data on younger generations' increased library usage, prompting conversation about adapting services for this growing demographic.
- A candidate described their efforts to improve library access for residents of a skilled nursing facility, including utilizing digital resources.
- Candidates discussed the importance of being aware of and utilizing new trends (such as TikTok) for outreach.
- The meeting concluded at 7:49 PM.