



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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## MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, October 03, 2012

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commissioners:

**Present:** Salvatore Giametta, Ann Haddad, Abby Silverman Weiss, Katie Sullivan, Sarah White, Alan Ziegaus,

**Absent:** Susan Atkins

**Staff:** Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Misty Jones, Deputy Director; Elif Cetin, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering & Capital Projects; Gerry Braun, Director of Special Projects, Mayor's Office

**Public:** Ann McDonald, Dr. Helen Griffith

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 05, 2012 minutes were approved unanimously.

### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

**REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** Ann McDonald

The Umbrella Friends 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held at the Mission Valley Branch Library on September 8 and was well attended. A Membership Forum Workshop was held on September 20 at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library. A second workshop to discuss book sales will be held on October 27 at the Mission Valley Branch Library

**SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD:** Deborah Barrow

None.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Katie Sullivan

The Foundation's annual retreat was held on Monday, September 24.

Starting in November, donation solicitations for the new Central Library Brick Campaign will be added to water bills mailed to City of San Diego Water Department customers. The donor bricks will be placed in the lobby and courtyard of the new Central Library and will be offered as naming opportunities for the public.

The Foundation and Turner Construction are hosting a Central Library Dome Topping Out Ceremony on Friday, October 5.

A farewell celebration for Mayor Sanders will be held at the new Central Library on Saturday, November 17.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE:** Salvatore Giametta

None.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE & BUDGET UPDATE:** Deborah Barrow

- Ms. Barrow welcomed and introduced Dr. Helen Griffith, the new Executive Director for the Downtown Charter High School. Dr. Griffith stated she is excited to work with Library staff and that the new charter high school will provide students with a 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning environment.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**10.a Library System Update:** Elif Cetin

- Ms. Barrow introduced Senior Civil Engineer Elif Cetin. Ms. Cetin works with Deputy Director Mark Nassar, who is now responsible for the Library's capital projects. However, Deputy Director Greenhalgh will continue to be responsible for the new Central Library project. Ms. Cetin reported that the Central Library project is on schedule and on budget. A dome topping off ceremony will be held on Friday, October 5.

- The Mayor's office has recommended \$10 million from bond sales be allocated to three Library replacement projects for design and construction:
    - \$5 million to Skyline Hills Branch Library
    - \$2 million to San Ysidro Branch Library
    - \$3 million to Mission Hills Branch Library
- The item goes before the Budget and Finance Committee on October 10.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE & BUDGET UPDATE (cont):** Deborah Barrow

- Ms. Barrow reported recent changes in the City's pension plan resulted in a temporary hiring freeze while details of a 401k plan were developed. As of today the hiring freeze has been lifted. This will allow the recruitment of staff needed to add hours to the library's open hours schedule. Beginning in November, five operational hours will be added to the Central Library, which will enable it to re-open on Saturdays. Also, Sunday hours will be added to four branch libraries. In early December, we are anticipating adding three operational hours on Mondays to branch libraries, depending on staffing recruitment.

**Motion:**

Commissioner Sullivan moved that the Library Commissioners send a letter of appreciation to the Mayor for recommending that City Council authorize the issuance of bond money to fund three library replacement projects: Skyline Hills, San Ysidro, and Mission Hills branch libraries; and for restoring library hours in the FY2012 and FY2013 budget. The additional hours enable the Central Library to be open on Saturdays; branch libraries to be open on Mondays, and four branch libraries to be open on Sundays.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- A Union Tribune article dated September 20 was handed out to the commissioners. The article discussed how the new Central Library is on time and on budget.
- State Librarian Stacey Aldrich is leaving the California State Library. She has accepted a similar position in her home state of Pennsylvania.
- On October 18, Ms. Barrow and Mr. Katz will speak at the Rotary Club about the new Central Library.
- Earlier today Ms. Barrow and Mr. Katz taped a segment about the new Central Library with Mark Zegan from Clear Channel Radio. Ms. Barrow informed the commissioners of the various times and radio stations that the segment will air.
- On October 18, a new Central Library tour and technology meeting is scheduled with Library staff and a donor foundation for a brainstorming session.
- Rancho Penasquitos Branch Library will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 21.
- The California Library Association will hold its annual meeting in San Jose on November 2-4, 2012.

- Ms. Barrow and Mr. Leveroni, Information Technology Director, have been invited to the 2012 Public Technology Institute Conference on Monday, October 22 to discuss technology initiatives for the City of San Diego and the new Central Library.

**10.c Legislative Update**

None.

**10.b Budget Update**


See Director's Update.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The commissioners asked about the possibility of the Library borrowing displays that have been exhibited at the Airport. Staff will investigate this possibility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.



DEBORAH L. BARROW  
Library Director

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