



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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Salvatore Giametta, Chair

Susan Atkins • Ann Haddad • Katie Sullivan • Abby Silverman Weiss • Sarah White • Alan Ziegaus

### MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Commissioners:

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

**Absent:** Susan Atkins, Alan Ziegaus,

**Staff:** Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Misty Jones, Deputy Director, Central; Bruce Johnson, Deputy Director, Branches; Khadija Cunningham, Clerical Assistant II; Darren Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, Engineering and Capital Projects, Public Works Department; and Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II, Engineering and Capital Projects, Public Works Department

**Public:** Ann McDonald

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Giametta at 12:36 p.m. in the Cultural Room of the Logan Heights Branch Library.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 17, 2013 minutes were approved unanimously.

#### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

#### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

#### COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

None.

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

The Friends expressed excitement about their Annual Meeting scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> at the new Central Library. Volunteers will be honored and new officers will be inducted. Friends volunteers have been productively sending books to Better World Books, 270 boxes have been shipped since April. Books have also begun to be shipped to Books Forward beginning the first week of September. Life membership for the Friends group is still available for \$250 until the end of 2013. On September 28<sup>th</sup> the Friends will have a booth set up at the Dedication Ceremony and Street Fair for the Central Library's Grand Opening.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Katie Sullivan

The Joan and Irwin Jacobs \$10 Million Challenge Match is still underway. So far, \$7.5 million has been raised. The challenge will end on the day of the Central Library's Grand Opening, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The day's festivities include performances, vendor booths, and guest speakers. The ceremony will begin at 11:00am, and the theme will be "Turning the Page to the Next Chapter." The Library Foundation will also have a booth for the Street Fair. There will be sneak peek ground level tours provided.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Darren Greenhalgh and Cynthia Meinhardt (Discussion Item):
  - New Central Library: Mr. Greenhalgh discussed progress in the Central Library project, review of the glass elevator and beam in the lobby. The project is on track for the Central Library Celebration and Sneak Peek on September 28, 2013.
  - Skyline Hills Branch Library: Ms. Meinhardt gave updates for the Skyline Hills project as well as the following projects listed below. A Skyline Hills Community meeting has been scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is intended to introduce the community to the Skyline Hills Branch Library project.
  - San Ysidro Branch Library: Potential sites for this library are being identified.
  - Mission Hills: Site for construction has been identified and purchased; the location will be on Washington Street. The design architect has been selected. This project has received \$2 million in deferred capital funding, and has substantial donations; full funding is still pending.
- b. Update from the Library Director (Discussion Item)
  - Ms. Barrow was pleased to announce the Opening day of e<sup>3</sup> Civic High School on September 3, 2013.
  - The fee schedule for the Special Events Space was approved by Council.
  - Staff Development Day took place August 29<sup>th</sup>; Ms. Barrow thanked the Library Foundation and The Friends of the Library for providing funding and items for this event. The keynote speaker was Interim Chief Operating Officer, Walt Ekard, who

thanked the staff for their dedication and continual public service through difficult times. He also sang, "The Impossible Dream (The Quest)."

- During the City's Core Furlough period for the holidays, the Central Library as well as 8 library branches will remain open.
- Ms. Barrow announced the generosity of Margaret N. Dietrich's Trust Bequest of \$90,000 to help support the Point Loma/ Hervey Branch Library.
- In partnership with KPBS and the County Library of San Diego, this year's *One Book, One San Diego* program will feature author Geraldine Brooks and her book entitled, *Caleb's Crossing*. Kick-off day is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Jones gave updates on the Central Library; the staff is now in the process of identifying the special features of their areas and preparing for Opening Day. Computers are still being purchased and should be installed by the end of September. Mental Health Systems will be providing a full-time case worker to offer informational support and resources for patrons, as needed. The Library and Library Foundation have applied for Qualcomm's Wireless Reach Grant for \$75,000. Some of this grant funding will be used to purchase 30 tablets to support learning through augmented reality for e<sup>3</sup> Civic High students.
- b. Mr. Johnson gave updates on the Library Branch Division; August 15<sup>th</sup> concluded the Library's annual Summer Reading Program; 27,000 students signed up and 15,000 finished. The food drive was very successful; 7,400 lbs of food was collected. Upcoming events include Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, Paradise Hills' Reader and Writers' Fair, and Valencia Park/ Malcolm X Branch Library's *Admit One* college prep seminars.
- c. Ms. Barrow mentioned potential changes as terms of Library Commission members are reviewed for the year.

The next commission meeting will be held at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, location will be at the Central Library in the Sullivan Commission Room on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.



DEBORAH L. BARROW  
Library Director

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