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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Susan Atkins, Ann Haddad, Katie Sullivan, Sarah White, Abby Silverman Weiss, Alan Ziegau

Absent: None

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Misty Jones, Deputy Director, Central Division; Elif Cetin, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering & Capital Projects; Steve Hawkesworth, Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Carol Tellez, Executive Assistant

Public: Ann McDonald, Judy Eby

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 9, 2012 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update: Elif Cetin

- Ms. Cetin reported that the Central Library project is on schedule and on budget. The grand opening is scheduled for July 2013.
- Skyline Hills Branch Library: The project is scheduled to receive \$5 million in bond funds in February or March 2013, which will make the project fully funded.
- Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library: The project is scheduled to receive \$2 million in bond funds in February or March 2013, and should move forward with the design and planning phase for the library.
- San Ysidro Branch Library: The project is scheduled to receive \$3 million in bond funds in February or March 2013, which will help move forward with the design and planning phase.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Ann McDonald

The FSDPL (Friends of the San Diego Public Library) Scholarship winners for 2012-2013 are Library Clerks Robert Surratt and Brian Wickhem, who were each awarded \$500. The Friends Annual Essay Contest celebration will be held on Thursday, May 2 at the Balboa Park Club. On Saturday, February 23, there will be a *Treasurer's Workshop* held at the Allied Gardens/Benjamin branch library. An *On-Line Book Sale Workshop* will be held at the Mission Valley branch library on Saturday, March 23. An article regarding the sign at the San Carlos branch library appeared in January 25 edition of the *Mission Times Courier*.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Steve Hawkesworth

The Foundation continues to host weekly donor tours at the new Central Library.

The local web firm *Departure* has been selected to help develop the Foundation's brand and redesign its website.

The Foundation has contracted with the public relations firm *Nuffer, Smith, Tucker* for assistance with public media events, including the grand opening of the new Central Library.

The new Central Library "*Buy a Brick*" campaign continues to be very successful – more than 1,600 bricks have been sold. In March, April and May donation solicitations for the "*Buy a Brick*" campaign will be added to water bills mailed to City of San Diego Water Department customers.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Salvatore Giametta

Commissioner Giametta thanked Commissioner Sullivan, along with Foundation and Library staff, for making the "*Buy a Brick*" campaign so successful.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

- Staff continues to meet and prepare for the move to the new Central Library, which is scheduled to open in July 2013.
- The 47th Annual Local Authors Reception was held on Friday, February 1, 2013 in the lobby at the Central Library. Approximately 350 people attended.
- READ/San Diego's 25th Annual Recognition Dinner for adult learners and tutors was held Friday, February 1, at the Balboa Park Club Ballroom. Approximately 325 people attended, including Council Member Marty Emerald.
- There was a recent article in the *Daily Voice* from Sleepy Hollow, New York, featuring San Diego Assistant Chief of Police Shelley Zimmerman and her brother, cardiologist Dr. Franklin Zimmerman, with a picture of the new Central Library dome in the background.
- January 21, 2013, U-T article on *e3 Civic High* being the first school in the nation to be in a major library. The school is scheduled to open in the new Central Library in September 2013.
- January 19, 2013, U-T article on the new Central Library – on the 900th day of construction, the new Central Library received its first shelving, lighting and carpeting.

10.c Legislative Update

Ms. Jones gave an update on Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 7 (SCA 7) which would revise the local vote threshold for local special taxes and construction bonds from 2/3 vote to 55%. The local special taxes would be dedicated to the funding of local library operations and the bonds would allow for the renovation, rehabilitation, or new construction of library facilities.

Motion:

It was moved that the Board of Library Commissioners write a letter of support for Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 7 (SCA 7).

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

10.b Budget Update

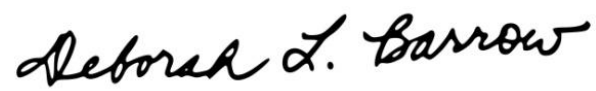
There are no changes at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah L. Barrow".

DEBORAH L. BARROW
Library Director

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