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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Susan Atkins, Ann Haddad, Katie Sullivan, Sarah White

Absent: Abby Silverman Weiss, Alan Ziegus

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Misty Jones, Deputy Director, Central; Bruce Johnson, Deputy Director, Branches; Carol Tellez, Executive Assistant; Khadija Cunningham, Clerical Assistant II

Public: Anne and Punky Fristrom; Bob Kavanaugh

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Sullivan at 12:32 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mission Valley Branch Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 5, 2013 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Sullivan commented on how well the move to the new Central Library is going, and what a good job the moving company is doing.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Punky Fristrom

The Friends expressed concern that additional funding is no longer available in the FY 2014 budget to increase library hours, and hope that it can be restored at a later date. The Friends Chapters have donated \$26,500 to the Library's Matching Programs Fund, and volunteered over 10,000 hours.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Katie Sullivan

Joan and Irwin Jacobs have generously pledged to match up to \$10 million in donations to the new Central Library up until the grand opening date of September 28, 2013.

AGENDA ITEMS

8a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Deborah Barrow (Discussion Item):

- New Central Library: The City now has temporary occupancy of the new Central Library. The entire collection has been moved and is being set up in the new building. Library staff starts moving on July 23. The grand opening is scheduled for September 28.
- Skyline Hills Branch Library: City staff met with the architect to discuss the design/build process for the project. Ten proposals from design/builders have been received. The proposals have been shortlisted to three and will be presented to the community for their input in late August. The project is fully funded.
- San Ysidro Branch Library: Potential sites for this library are being identified.

b. Communication with City Officials Regarding Library Budget (Action Item):

Ms. Barrow referred to a handout on the Library's budget for FY 2014, and explained that due to the ARC payment for the City's pension plan, funds to increase library hours will not be available this fiscal year as previously planned.

Motion

It was moved to write a letter to each Council Member thanking them for their efforts to provide additional funding in the City's FY 2014 budget to increase Central and Branch library hours, and urge them to reconsider this issue during the FY 2014 mid-year budget review.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

c. Update from the Library Director (Discussion Item):

- Ms. Barrow made a presentation at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on the *Proposed Charges for Use of Special Events Spaces in the new Central Library*. The item passed and will be docketed for Council early next week. Ms. Barrow thanked library staff members for their hard work in researching and preparing the proposed fee schedule.

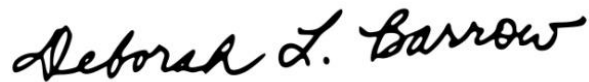
- Plans are being developed to schedule tours for the grand opening of the Central Library on September 28.
- Library staff has designed commemorative ComicCon and new Central Library cards that will be available on opening day. Available now are the ComicCon cards and rebranded library cards in five different colors. Patrons can collect all of them; however, only one card can be activated at a time and additional cards cost \$2.00 each.
- Good news, 22,000 participants have signed up for the Summer Reading Program. This is about the same number as last year, even with the Central Library currently being closed!
- The San Diego Public Library has collected approximately 3,500 pounds of food for the *Reading (and Feeding) is so Delicious* Summer Reading Program and food drive. We are half way to meeting our goal of collecting 7,000 pounds of food for the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next commission meeting will be held at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at a location to be determined (there will be no August meeting).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.



DEBORAH L. BARROW
Library Director

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