



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Members

Salvatore Giametta, Chair

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

MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Susan Atkins, Salvatore Giametta, Ann Haddad, Abby Silverman Weiss, Sarah White

Absent: Katie Sullivan, Alan Ziegaus

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Misty Jones, Deputy Director, Central; Carol Tellez, Executive Assistant; and Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II, Engineering and Capital Projects, Public Works Department

Public: Joan Curry

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Giametta at 12:35 p.m. in the Sullivan Commission Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 2, 2013 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Joan Curry

The Friends annual meeting was held on Saturday, October 12, in the Shiley Special Events Room. Joan Curry was elected as the new Friends President. The Friends 17th Annual Student Writing for Literacy Essay Contest is underway and all entries must be submitted by Friday, December 20, 2013. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on May 1, 2014. The Friends are currently reviewing proposals for the development of a new website.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: None

AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Cynthia Meinhardt (Discussion Item):

- San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common: Work is continuing on the elevator 2 shaft and is scheduled to be completed by the end of November.
- Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library: On October 28 the City Council's Infrastructure Committee approved \$4 million in capital bond money for this project. Staff met with Interim Mayor Gloria's office to discuss community input. The bridging document contract is being negotiated with the architect.
- Skyline Hills Branch Library: On October 28 the City Council's Infrastructure Committee approved \$2.8 million in capital bond money to complete this project. An RFP (Request for Proposal) will be sent out in November, and proposals will be due in two months.
- San Ysidro Branch Library: On October 28 the City Council's Infrastructure Committee approved \$3 million in capital bond money for land acquisition and design of this project.
- San Carlos Branch Library: On October 28 the City Council's Infrastructure Committee approved \$1 million in capital bond money for land acquisition and completion of bridging documents. A briefing with Councilmember Sherman's office will be scheduled for later in November.

b. Update from the Library Director (Discussion Item)

- Ms. Jones, Central Library Deputy Director, reported on the following items:
 - We are in the process of hiring one additional staff member to assist with the scheduling and coordinating of special events. New procedures for booking special events are being developed to help streamline the process.
 - During the period of September 30-October 31, the Central Library had 108,000 visitors; 9,300 new library cards were issued; and 82,000 items were checked out.
 - Patrons can now sign up to use the Central Library's internet computers for a maximum of two hours a day utilizing an "internet only" card, which requires a picture I.D.
- Ms. Barrow gave an overview of various branch library programs for the month of November including mini sessions for the *Admit One College Prep Academy* at the Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library; *Mail for Heroes* and *Sports Parenting 101 Workshop* at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library; and *Dia De Los Muertos/Day of the Dead Craft Workshop* at the Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library.

- Ms. Barrow referred to a recent article by UT San Diego, *Imposter Service Animals Posing a Growing Problem*, and the growing challenges that public libraries face.
- Ms. Barrow reported on two pending items of legislation that are important to the library:
 - *Public Library Broadband Initiative*, sponsored by the California Library Association, the California State Library, and CENIC (Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California), would enable public libraries to utilize a higher speed, statewide broadband; and
 - *Senate Constitutional Amendment 7-Wolk* –would revise the vote threshold for special taxes and construction bonds from 2/3 vote to 55%. This amendment requires a 2/3 vote of the Senate and Assembly in order to appear on the November ballot next year.
- Ms. Barrow asked the commissioners for their input on the library's *Rules of Conduct for Library Patrons*. It was suggested that rule number 12 be updated to allow the quiet use of cell phones in certain areas.
- ABM has been selected as the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common's parking vendor. The following parking rates will go into effect on Monday, December 2, 2013:
 - First one hour free with validation for library users
 - \$1.25 for each 20 minutes or part of 20 minutes
 - \$21.00 all day maximum
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) to have an on-site café vendor has been issued and approximately 20 potential vendors visited the site.
- Audrey Geisel, widow of Ted Geisel, recently toured the Denny Sandford Children's Library and was thrilled to see all its special features including the Dr. Seuss wall murals and special collection of Dr. Seuss books.


OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Giametta congratulated Commissioner Atkins on being selected Outstanding Organization Volunteer by the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The next commission meeting will be held at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, December 4th, 2013, at The San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common in the Sullivan Commission Room on the 9th floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.



DEBORAH L. BARROW
Library Director
/cht