



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Members

Salvatore Giametta, Chair

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

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, February 5, 2014

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Commissioners:

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

**Absent:** Alan Ziegaus

**Staff:** Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Misty Jones, Deputy Director, Central Library; Bruce Johnson, Deputy Director, Branch Libraries; Carol Tellez, Executive Assistant; Kara West, Library Arts and Culture Exhibitions Manager; Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II and Elif Cetin, Senior Civil Engineer, 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 December 4, 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 lifetime membership of \$250 for the Friends group has been very successful and it will continue. Vickie Church is chair of the Website Committee, and the plan is to have a page for every Friends Chapter. The San Carlos Branch Library celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 12, 2014. Profits from the Friends first “paperback book only” sale were \$375.00. The Friends Annual Essay Contest will be held on May 1, 2014.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Katie Sullivan

The Foundation continues to collect pledges on its Capital Campaign. The Campaign has been highly successful with \$67.5 million raised plus \$10 million to cover operations cost for the new Central Library for the next five years.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Cynthia Meinhardt and Elif Cetin (Discussion Item)
  - San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common: Elevator 2 is fully operational and was signed off by the State Elevator inspector in late December 2013.
  - Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library: On January 14, 2014, the City Council approved \$4 million in capital bond money for this project. Staff met with Interim Mayor Gloria’s office to discuss community input. The architect’s contract is nearly finalized and is being processed for approval.
  - 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. The RFP (Request for Proposal) for design concepts was sent out in December, and proposals are due on February 25. The Commission for Arts and Culture is preparing an RFP to hire an artist by April 1, 2014. The City will hold a soft-groundbreaking in April.
  - 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. A Phase I Assessment Report and land survey were completed in January 2014. Real Estate Assets Department (READ) will set up a meeting with Library Department, Public Works and Council District 8 in February to provide a project update.
  - San Carlos Branch Library: On January 14, 2014 the City Council approved \$1 million in capital bond money for land acquisition and completion of bridging documents. A briefing with Councilmember Sherman’s office occurred on November 22. Project management staff and the project architect met in January to kick off the project and met with the Library Department in February to review the schematic plans for updated programmatic input.

b. Commission Budget Suggestions (Action Item)

- Ms. Barrow gave an update on the IBA's (Independent Budget Analyst) report on the *FY 2015 City Council Budget Priorities* and asked the commissioners for their input. The commissioners will review and discuss at their March meeting. No action was taken.

c. Update from the Library Director (Discussion Item)

- Ms. Jones reported that *Day in the District* occurs during the month of February 2014. Commissioners Giametta and Weiss volunteered to coordinate with Ms. Jones and meet with local legislators to discuss two pending items of legislation that may impact the library:
  - *Public Library Broadband Initiative*, sponsored by the California Library Association, would enable public libraries to access 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%.
- Ms. Barrow introduced Kara West, the library's new Arts and Culture Exhibitions Manager. Ms. West gave a brief overview of her vision of a larger, more diverse exhibition program that includes not only the Central Library, but the Branch Libraries as well.
- Mr. Johnson gave an overview of various branch library programs for the month of February including *Library Elf Explained* at the North University Community Branch Library; *Financial Skills Workshops* at the North Park Branch Library; and *Vegan Soul Food Cooking Class* at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library.
- Ms. Barrow gave a brief update on three handouts, *Status of the San Diego Public Library (SDPL)*; *SDPL as a World Class Library*; and *Library Programs Around SDPL* that were presented at the San Diego Public Library Foundation meeting on February 3.
- Ms. Barrow also clarified information and discrepancies related to a new report on the Central Library.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The next commission meeting will be held at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at The San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common in the Sullivan Commission Room on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.



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Library Director  
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