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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, November 5, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Ileana Ovalle Engel, Sarah White, Katherine Nakamura, Ann Haddad, Alan Ziegus

Absent: Abby Silverman Weiss

Staff: Misty Jones, Interim Library Director; Bruce Johnson, Deputy Director, Central/Branch Libraries; Nicole Spriggs, Executive Assistant; Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II and Elif Cetin, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering and Capital Projects, Public Works Department

Public: Joan Curry, Riley Apon

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 1, 2014 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Sal Giametta congratulated Misty Jones on her recent election to President-elect/Vice President of the California Library Association.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Joan Curry

The Essay Contest is well underway. The deadline for the essays is December 19, 2014. All Branch Managers and Presidents of the Chapters have received the materials needed. All of the Board Members have contacted their assigned chapters to offer any needed assistance and/or to answer any questions.

The Power Book Sale continues to be productive. The last sale yielded about \$1700.00. The number of Lifetime Members since September has increased by 15. At the Friday Power Book Sale, the Friends of the Library received a Lifetime Membership in honor of a friend. The members of the Executive Board of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library will hold a Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 4, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the College-Rolando Branch Library Meeting Room. Invitations were distributed.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Sarah White

The *Celebration Under the Dome* event was a huge success. There were nearly 600 attendees, and the event raised more than \$500,000 worth of proceeds to support technology programming at all library locations. The next Anniversary Celebration will be held on October 3, 2015. The Foundation is focused on year-end giving and working on renewing the donor circle memberships. The Foundation is also working on the first ever Annual Report, which will highlight library and donor information.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Cynthia Meinhardt and Elif Cetin
(Discussion Item)
 - Skyline Hills Branch Library: The 30% design submittal was reviewed by the City staff and comments were forwarded to the design builder on September 22. The Design Builder is proceeding with the 60% design. The Design Builder has scheduled the 60% design submittal for the first week of December 2014.
 - San Ysidro Branch Library: The property owner has now formally declined City's offer and has confirmed that she is not interested in selling the property. Real Estate Assets Department will be working on identifying alternative sites.
 - Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library: The architects are refining the project schematic design, preparing a Historical Resource Research Report on the existing IBEW building, and a Zero Net Energy/LEED analysis per the Community's request. The Historical Resource Report is nearly complete and will be submitted to the Development Services Department for review this month. The Commission for Arts and Culture is initiating a RFQ process for the project artist, which will be advertised this fall with an application deadline in early 2015. The

City is also advertising for the Design Builder Request for Qualifications (RFQ) this month.

- San Carlos Branch Library: Staff is finalizing the consultant agreement amendment for phased funded schematic design and bridging documents with the City Attorney, working on environmental issues of the existing site, which may take as long as (3) additional years, and is hiring a consultant to prepare a Historical Resource Report for the existing branch which will turn 45 years old in 2019.
- b. Update from the Interim Library Director (Discussion Item)
- Mr. Johnson gave an overview of various branch library programs for the month of November including GLOBE FOR ALL, a production of William Shakespeare's "*All's Well that Ends Well*" presented by The Old Globe, hosted by the Central Library Shiley Special Events Suite on November 4, 2014; *Jesse & Friends*, a Fall Concert Series with Pianist Jessie Chang on November 9, 2014 at the Central Library Auditorium; *Fighting on Two Fronts during World War II: The Montford Point Marines and the Civil Rights Struggle*, a panel discussion about the Marine Corp's first Black Marines on November 12, 2014 at Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library; *Holiday Mail for Heroes*, the American Red Cross delivers holiday cards to veterans, military families and installations around the world at Tierresanta Branch Library November 3 – November 8, 2014. North Park Branch Library and Pacific Beach Branch Library were drop off points for voting ballots this year. Registrar of Voters had staff on site at both library locations.
 - Ms. Jones reported that the *Do Your Homework @ the Library* Program will begin on November 17, 2014 at Logan Heights Branch Library and Central Library. All other participating library branches will begin by January 2015. The Mayor will hold a Press Conference for this program on November 17, 2014 at the Logan Heights Branch Library.
 - Nine Dragons Café located at the Central Library will be open around December 2014/January 2015. This item went before the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee and passed. It will now be heard at Council on November 17 or 18, 2014 and tenant improvements can begin.
 - Ms. Jones stated that the library will continue to stay involved with legislative updates regarding the bond issue for new libraries and reconstruction.
 - Ms. Jones gave an update on the Malcolm X Teen Center. The library received a donation to turn the old READ section into a Teen Center. Focus groups will be held in December 2014 for input from teens in the community.
 - Ms. Jones discussed the partnership between the Old Globe and San Diego Public Library. There is a grant opportunity for the *Shakespeare First Folio*. The library partnered with the Old Globe on this project and if successful, the First Folio would be displayed for a month in the Art Gallery at the Central Library.
 - The library will continue with the voluntary furlough program this year. Staff did not have to take mandatory furlough. Eight (8) library branches, along with the Central Library will be open the weekends of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- The library submitted a Letter of Intent for a grant opportunity to the San Diego Women's Foundation for *America's Finest Leaders*, a facilitated program at several libraries to get the community involved in one particular area of interest in their community and work towards solving that problem. There is also another grant opportunity for the library specifically for human trafficking, *Project Aware*. Making the libraries a safe place for victims of human trafficking, providing them with resources.
- Ms. Jones reported that the City of San Diego has applied to identify us as a Promise Zone. The criteria is for areas with over 30% poverty rate. There are 4 promise zones and the benefits would be preference in resources like federal grants, technical services, tax incentives to businesses, etc. They have identified the Diamond District, Barrio Logan and City Heights which would impact the Central Library, City Heights/Weingart Branch, Logan Heights Branch, Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch and Mountain View/Beckwourth Branch libraries.
- Ms. Jones confirmed the new library hours will begin November 8, 2014. A flier noting the new hours was distributed. The Mayor will hold a Press Conference highlighting the new library hours tentatively on November 7, 2014 at City Heights/Weingart Branch Library. A Community Celebration for the new library hours will be held on November 8, 2014 at City Heights/Weingart Branch Library.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Nakamura attended a public art panel discussion at Mesa College. Kara West, Library Arts and Culture Exhibitions Manager for Central Library was a speaker at this event.

Mr. Giametta asked about the relationship between the Library and the Commission for Arts and Culture. Ms. Jones stated the Commission for Arts & Culture serves in an advisory capacity for the library.

Mr. Giametta gave an update on the Library Director position. Candidates were identified and the interview committee forwarded their recommendations to the Chief Operating Officer and the Mayor's Office for final selection.

The next commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 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 1:24 p.m.



MISTY N. JONES
Interim Library Director
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