



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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### MINUTES

#### BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, June 3, 2015

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Commissioners:

**Present:** Ileana Ovalle Engel, Katherine Nakamura, Abby Weiss, Alan Ziegus

**Absent:** Salvatore Giametta, Ann Haddad, Sarah White

**Staff:** Misty Jones, Library Director; Bruce Johnson, Deputy Director, Public Services; Sheila Burnett, Deputy Director, Support Services; Nicole Spriggs, Executive Assistant; Charlie Goldberg, Marketing Director, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II and Elif Cetin, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering and Capital Projects, Public Works Department

**Public:** Joan Curry, Ann McDonald

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Weiss at 12:39 p.m. in the Sullivan Commission Room.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 1, 2015 minutes were approved unanimously.

#### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

#### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

**REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** Joan Curry

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony for the Student Essay Contest was held on April 30, 2015 at the Balboa Park Club. The event was sponsored by the Friends of the San Diego Public Library, the San Diego Public Library, the San Diego Unified School District Library Media Teachers and KPBS – One Book One San Diego.

There were 14 grand prize winners, each of whom received a laptop computer which was donated by “Computers to SD Kids”. In addition, a check in the amount of \$500 given in memory of Jack and Carolyn Winer was presented by Michael Winer to the winner of “The Best Overall Essay”. The winner of this award was Katie La Costa, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student from the Academy of Our Lady of Peace. The Friends attended the Council hearing on May 6, 2015 to advocate for the return of \$209,000 which the Mayor had removed from the budget and to request additional hours across the library system.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Charlie Goldberg

The Foundation Board of Trustees has been working on a strategic plan. The Mission, Core Values and Vision were distributed. Charlie noted that government relations are a central part of the strategic plan. The Foundation is ecstatic to have had the opportunity to work with the Board of Library Commissioners and Friends of the San Diego Public Library during the budget cycle. The Foundation also noted their thankfulness to Council and the Mayor for the return of the \$209,000 to the budget, as well, as additional hours. The Foundation will continue to push for additional hours to be added across the library system. There are 3 1/2 weeks left in this fiscal year to meet the City match in funds. The Foundation will be asking donors to help meet this goal. There will be a Wall Recognition on the ground floor of the Central Library listing those that made annual gifts to the library system. There will be an event held next week honoring Neil Morgan and this event will be used as a major donor event to cultivate new prospects.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Cynthia Meinhardt and Elif Cetin  
(Discussion Item)

- Skyline Hills Branch Library: The design is 100% complete and is currently in citywide plan check and DSD review for construction permit.
- San Ysidro Branch Library: The City has made an offer to the property owners for the alternative project site and is in the process of finalizing an agreement. The project received \$5M in Redevelopment Agency Funds via May Revise. The overall project budget is \$12M. The current funding shortage is approximately \$2M.
- Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library: Work continues on refining the schematic design and building footprint and developing site plan, elevations and sections based upon input received from the Library Department and Development Services Department.

- San Carlos Branch Library: The Historical Resource Technical Report has been completed and submitted to Planning Department and review comments have been received from Planning Department and sent to architectural historian for finalization of report. Commission for Arts and Culture Department has been involved in project and Artist selection will commence once schematic design is completed and bridging documents begin.
- b. Update from the Library Deputy Director (Discussion Item)
- Mr. Johnson gave an overview of various central/branch library programs for the month of June. On Saturday, June 20, 2015 there will be a recognition event held at the Mission Valley Branch Library for the *Do Your Homework at the Library* staff and volunteers. The Summer Reading Program will run through August 15, 2015, with the theme, "*Read to the Rhythm*". The kickoff event, Lil'Palooza: A Kids' Music Fest will be held on June 13, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Central Library Auditorium & Garden Courtyard. The Art of Comic-Con art exhibit will run from June 20, 2015 to August 30, 2015 in the Central Library Art Gallery. The Opening Reception will be held on June 20, 2015 from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
  - Ms. Jones introduced Sheila Burnett as the new Deputy Director of Support Services for the San Diego Public Library.
  - Ms. Burnett gave an update on the Malcolm X Teen Center which is set to open in the beginning of 2016. She thanked the Foundation for their support in helping the library reach the goal for the second phase of the teen center. Ms. Burnett displayed some drawings of the new teen center IDEA Lab. She also noted that the teen center space will be 3,500 square feet with 12-15 additional computers and chrome books.
  - Ms. Jones discussed the May Revise and the FY16 budget. She noted that during the May Revise, \$209,000 of ongoing funding was returned to the budget. Additional hours were added for the Pacific Beach Branch Library, which will go into effect on July 18, 2015. The Central Library and 13 branch libraries will now be open on Sundays. 1.5 custodians were added to the budget for the Central Library to assist on weekends. For FY16, the homework program was expanded throughout the summer. There was a Program Manager position added and an increase in broadband speeds. A news conference will be held on June 4, 2015 highlighting the increase in broadband speeds.
  - Ms. Jones gave an update on the partnership between the San Diego Public Library and Tijuana. Last fall the City signed an MOU with the City of Tijuana to partner together to build a bi-national relationship. Part of this collaboration will be the library working with Instituto Municipal De Arte Y Cultura (IMAC) to get the community involved in making the libraries a vital place. Tijuana will be hosting a book festival in June. They will be sending two prominent authors to do programs here at the Central Library to help celebrate this book festival. There will be a kickoff event in Balboa Park in July to celebrate the anniversary of Tijuana. The library will participate with various programming, concerts, etc.

Library staff, Catherine Hong, Special Projects/Outreach Librarian is the point of contact.

- Ms. Jones attended the Maker Cities Roundtable on May 11, 2015 in Washington, DC. San Diego Public Library was one of the two libraries represented.
- Ms. Jones discussed the change in user fees for FY16. The fee for audio visual late fees will decrease from \$2.00 to \$1.00 per day. The limit on audio visual check outs will be lifted. The non-resident library card fee will increase from \$28.00 to \$32.00. California resident library card fees will continue to be free. The Central library will be participating in a pilot program for portable electronic borrowing of e-readers, I-pads, etc. The late fee for portable electronic borrowing will be \$2 if electronic device is borrowed in-house and \$5 if electronic device is taken home.
- The library had four proposals accepted under the San Diego Works Proposal. One of the cost saving proposals will be Library Amnesty Month. During the month of September, patrons that have fines will have the opportunity to pay half of the fine and the Library will waive the other half. After Library Amnesty Month, the library will do a system wide inventory of the entire library collection. One of the other cost saving proposals the library will be implementing is lowering the bill threshold for patrons.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

Commissioner Weiss thanked the Friends for advocating for the Central Library. Commissioner Weiss also thanked Sal Giametta for his years of service as Chair of Board of Library Commissioners. City Attorney presentation will take place at the next Board of Library Commissioners meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will be held on July 1, 2015, 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 1:39 p.m.



MISTY JONES  
Library Director  
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