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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, June 02, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Katie Sullivan, Susan Atkins, Matthew Hervey, Abby Silverman Weiss, Sarah White

Absent: Salvatore Giametta, Alan Ziegus

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Kathleen Wheatley, Deputy Director; Megan Lim, Development Director, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

Public: Brenda Mason, John McAllister

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 2010 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: John McAllister

The Central Library in El Centro, California sustained significant damage to its building in a recent earthquake, and has to temporarily relocate. The Friends have offered to lend books and equipment as needed.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Brenda Mason

The 2010 Summer Reading program has started throughout the Serra System. Serra's grant proposal for a jobs and career database has been funded. All public libraries in San Diego and Imperial Counties will have in-house and remote access to the *Career Transitions* database. Patrons can find job listings from around the country.

FOUNDATION UPDATE: Megan Lim

The Carnegie Tea was very successful, with 60 people attending. Ms. Lim thanked Commissioner Hervey for hosting the event.

The Summer Reading Program is currently underway. Over 27,000 children and teens participated last year. The Padres have again generously donated 20,000 tickets for this program.

The Foundation is close to reaching its \$1 million match for the Matching Funds Program.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Katie Sullivan

After a brief discussion, the Commissioners agreed there will be no Library Commission meeting in July.

Commissioner Sullivan reported the new Central Library project is scheduled to go the Rules Committee on June 16 and City Council on June 28, 2010, for approval. Commissioners and supporters are encouraged to attend.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update: Deborah Barrow

Ms. Barrow reported that staff is working on the new Central Library report that will be heard at the Rules Committee meeting on June 16. The School District has added some needed additional improvements, not to exceed \$500,000 to the Central Library project. This expense will be paid for entirely by the School District. Library and Engineering staff are exploring the feasibility of adding an automated materials handling system to the project, which would save on staffing.

The new Central Library project is also scheduled to go to the Centre City Advisory Committee (CCAC) on June 16 and the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) on June 23 for authorization and timeline of funds to be received from CCDC.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

- Ms. Barrow thanked Commissioner Hervey and the Foundation for hosting the Carnegie Tea event on May 18.
- On May 20 Ms. Barrow attended the Children's Center fundraising event with Mark Lugo. It was a very successful event and the popularity of the Library's Visual Arts Program was evident.

- The presentation by children's author Pam Munoz Ryan at the Logan Branch Library on May 14 was very successful. Approximately 400 children, grade school through high school, attended.
- There was a recent historical article about the Central Library in the Union Tribune, *San Diego's Central Library Camped in Balboa Park*.
- On June 7, a film crew from the television series "Terriers" will film in the basement of the Central Library. The show will air sometime in September 2010.
- The Skyline Hills Branch Library recently received a \$25,000 IMLS Congressionally Directed Grant for books, technology, education and outreach programs for youth.
- The semi-annual *Library Customer Satisfaction Online Survey* is being conducted from June 1-15, and can be accessed via the Library's homepage.
- Online registration is now available for patrons to obtain a library card.
- On June 12, there will be a *Dragon Boat Festival and Chinese Culture Day* at the North University Community Branch Library.
- The *Summer Reading Program* is scheduled to kickoff on June 15. This year's theme for children is, *Make a Splash* and the theme for teens is, *Make Waves*.
- The 5th annual production of *Say it Loud* will be held June 18 at the City Heights Performance Annex. This is a celebration honoring Black Music Month and donations will go toward future programs at the Performance Annex.
- Leslie McNabb, Branch Manager of the Clairemont Library, was one of 22 people selected to receive an IMLS fellowship (from the State Library) for a program entitled, *Transforming Life After 50*.
- Ms. Barrow will be out of the office from June 3-11, 2010. Deputy Directors Christine Siegel and Kathleen Wheatley will alternate being in charge while Ms. Barrow is gone.

10.b Budget Update: Deborah Barrow

Ms. Barrow reviewed the power point presentation that she had given at the Budget and Finance Committee on May 6. Due to the City's new budgeting system, hourly staff are being calculated differently. At the time of the mid-year budget changes in December under the plan for the 18-month budget, the Library's Matching Funds Program was reduced to \$924,727 for FY 2011. In the IBA's initial report on the budget, the Library's Matching Funds Program was mentioned but not actually recommended, as a potential source to address other budget gaps. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion:

Commissioner Hervey moved to send a letter to the Mayor and City Council Members requesting that the Library's Matching Funds Program in Fiscal Year 2011 remain at \$924,727, and not be reduced any further amount.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Barrow explained that the City is implementing a new procedure for paying library performers, and programs are again eligible to receive matching funds

10.c Legislative Update

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

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