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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Susan Atkins, Matthew Hervey, Katie Sullivan, Sarah White

Absent: Abby Silverman Weiss, Alan Ziegau

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Christine Siegel, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Steve Hawkesworth, Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Darren Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, Engineering & Capital Projects; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

Public: Brenda Mason, Frances Shepherd

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Frances Shepherd, FANDD Design Studio, stated her company is interested in subcontracting IT services for the new Central Library. Staff will follow up as needed.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Sal Giametta

Commissioner Giametta announced that it was Commissioner Hervey's last meeting. Commissioner Giametta, Ms. Barrow, and other Commissioners, Library and Library Foundation staff expressed thanks and appreciation to Commissioner Hervey and his family for their incredible support of and contributions to the San Diego Public Library.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: None

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Brenda Mason

Applications for the third (and last) year of the *Librarians for Diverse Community (LDC) Program* have been reviewed by the Selection Committee, and twenty-four students will be receiving funding for their studies for 2011/2012. San Diego Public Library has five returning students, two new students, and two volunteers who will be participating in the program. LDC students took part in the *Serving Latino and Spanish Speaking Communities* workshop held at the Oceanside Public Library on May 23.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Steve Hawkesworth

The Carnegie Tea was held on May 10 at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library. Commissioner Hervey hosted this successful event.

On Monday, June 6, the Council is scheduled to consider final modifications to the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. The Library Foundation is continuing with its advocacy efforts and is encouraging supporters to attend this meeting.

Library supporter and community leader Pauline Foster has donated \$500,000 towards the construction of the new Central Library.

The San Diego Padres are again partnering with the San Diego Public Library to support the *Summer Reading Program*, and have donated 20,000 tickets to the program. The Padres are offering the Library specially discounted tickets to attend home games between July 26 and August 3, 2011, and \$5 of each discount ticket purchased will benefit the Library.

Turner Construction hosted a new Central Library Podium (reaching street level) celebration on Thursday, May 26 at the construction site.

The Library and Library Foundation are piloting a *Text2Give Program* beginning the first week of June. To make a \$5 tax deductible donation, text **Library to 20222** on your cell phone or other mobile device. The Central Library and Carmel Valley, La Jolla/Riford, Mission Valley, Point Loma/Hervey and Valencia Park/Malcolm X branch libraries are participating in this pilot program.

CHAIR'S UPDATE (cont): Sal Giametta

Commissioner Giametta distributed copies of the Letter to the Editor of the Union Tribune that he and Mr. Katz wrote. Commissioner Giametta encouraged the Commissioners to attend the Council meeting on Monday, June 6.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update: Darren Greenhalgh

Waterproofing, site grading and pouring of concrete for Parking Garage levels P1 and P2 and Level 1 are complete. Turner Construction has installed a new webcam at the construction site. The link to the webcam can be found on the Library's web page. The project continues to be on schedule.

Mission Hills/Hillcrest Library Site: Ms. Barrow reported the lot will be paved and striped by the company leasing this site for approximately ten months for parking and storage in relation to their work on the Von's grocery store project.

San Ysidro Library Site: City and Redevelopment staff has met with San Ysidro School District personnel and architects to discuss funding and potential sites for a new library.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

- The Kensington Branch Library held their 29th annual *Holiday at Home* parade and book sale on Monday, May 30.
- On May 26, Librarian IV Richard Crawford was awarded the *History Award of Excellence* by the Historical Resources Board for the work on the Union Tribune's weekly column "The Way We Were" which details the history of the San Diego region.
- On April 5, Read/San Diego's *Families for Literacy Program* won the Better World Books/NCFL Libraries and Families Award. Read/San Diego was one of three national winners and was awarded \$10,000.
- The "Project Unknown" Teen Music Group at the Logan Heights Branch Library won second runner up in the American Library Association's *Why I Need My Library* video contest. After viewing and listening to the video, the following motion was made:

Motion:

The Commissioners moved to send a letter to the "Project Unknown" Teen Music Group at the Logan Heights Branch Library to congratulate them on the success of their video.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- On June 18 the Mission Hills Branch Library will hold a 50th anniversary celebration.
- The San Diego Public Library's Volunteer Program is thriving. Volunteers are an integral part of the library's operations. The library's connection to the Volunteer Match program is being used as a model in the City. Read/San Diego still needs literacy tutors - there are approximately 150 people on the waiting list to be matched with a tutor.

- Patrons can now download a free *BookMyne* Application (from the iTunes Application store) that gives them access to the library's catalog system and the ability to manage their accounts from such mobile devices as iPhone, iPod, and iPad.
- *The Reading Promise: My Father and the Books We Shared* book launch event is scheduled to take place on June 9.
- The sixth annual *Say It Loud – Tribute to "Soul Train"* dance and music program, developed by library staff member Jimmy Lovett, Jr., is scheduled for June 25 at the City Heights/Weingart Performance Annex. The proceeds will go to the Valencia Park/Malcolm X and City Heights/Weingart branch libraries.
- The 87th annual Summer Reading Program will take place from June 15-August 15, 2011. The theme for children is: *One World, Many Stories*; and the theme for teens is: *You Are Here*. There is also an adult Summer Reading Program called *Novel Destinations* that will take place during this same time period. The San Diego Padres have donated 20,000 tickets to this program for youth.

10.b Budget Update: Deborah Barrow

Ms. Barrow gave an update on the Mayor's May Revision to the FY 2012 Proposed Budget for the Library Department:

- Restoration of 30.10 FTE positions and \$2.7 million in expenditures
- Eight libraries (one in each Council District) would maintain the current schedule of 36 hours per week
- All other libraries would be paired and open approximately 18.5 hours per week

The IBA's report and recommendations on the Mayor's May Revision is due out shortly. Commissioners asked to be alerted when the report comes out.

10.c Legislative Update:

Commissioner Atkins reported that she and Ms. Barrow attended Legislative Day on May 18 and met with Senator Kehoe, Assemblymember Block, and staff members from Assemblymembers Atkins', Fletcher's and Hueso's offices. Informational packets on events and programs at the San Diego Public Library were distributed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Deborah L. Barrow

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