



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, November 07, 2012

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Ann Haddad, Katie Sullivan, Sarah White

Absent: Susan Atkins, Abby Silverman Weiss, Alan Ziegus

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Frank Camacho, Technical Resources Program Manager; Mark Nassar, Deputy Director, Engineering & Capital Projects; Carol Tellez, Executive Assistant

Public: Ann McDonald

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 03, 2012 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Ann McDonald

The San Diego Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library are working together to develop plans for the new Central Library Gift Shop. The Friends' holiday lunch will be held on Thursday, December 6 at the College-Rolando Branch Library. The deadline to submit entries for the Friend's annual essay contest is December 21.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Deborah Barrow

None.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Katie Sullivan

The new Central Library "*Buy a Brick*" campaign has started. Commissioner Sullivan handed out copies of the donation solicitations envelopes that are being added to water bills and mailed to City of San Diego Water Department customers. The bricks can be purchased for a donation of \$150, \$500, or \$1,000. All donor bricks sold by January 31, 2013 will be placed in the lobby and courtyard of the new Central Library in time for the grand opening in July 2013.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Salvatore Giametta

Commissioner Giametta announced there will be a farewell celebration for Mayor Sanders outside the new Central Library on Saturday, November 17, at 6:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update: Mark Nassar

- Ms. Barrow introduced Deputy Director Mark Nassar. Mr. Nassar reported that the Central Library project is on schedule and on budget. The grand opening is scheduled for July 2013.
- San Ysidro Branch Library: The project is scheduled to receive \$3 million in bond funds, which will help move forward with the design and planning phase for a 15,000 square foot library.
- Mission Hills Branch Library: The project is scheduled to receive \$2 million in bond funds and should move forward with the design and planning phase for a 19,000 square foot craftsman style library.
- Skyline Hills Branch Library: The project is scheduled to receive \$5 million in bond funds which will make the project fully funded for a 19,000 square foot design/build library. The project will go through a competitive bid design process with three architectural firms who will gather community input and present their proposals to a panel. The panel will then select the architectural firm whose design/build proposal best addresses the needs of the community and City.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

- The Central Library is now open on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Logan Heights, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, and Valencia Park/Malcolm X branch libraries are now open on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Starting in December, all branch libraries will be open an additional three hours. On October 26, the Mayor held a press conference at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X branch library and announced as the result of San Diego's improving financial picture, library hours are expanding again.
- The San Diego Public Library has an opening for Deputy Director of Branch Libraries.
- The commissioners received a copy of the October 24 letter that was sent to Mayor Sanders thanking him for capital improvement funding for three branch libraries and restoring library hours.
- The commissioners previously asked about the homeless at San Diego Public Library (SDPL), and how our patron policies compare to those of the Newport Beach Public Library (NBPL). Both policies are very similar on many issues such as the size of the backpacks allowed, wheeled carts, and pets. SDPL will continue to review policies and services.
- Staff has met with San Diego Workforce Partnership and Mental Health Systems regarding services to the homeless. Mental Health Systems is developing a training program for us, and we are working on a Memorandum of Understanding with them. Mental Health Services will have office space at the new Central Library.
- On October 18, Ms. Barrow and Mr. Katz gave a presentation to the Rotary Club about the progress of the new central library and the overall importance of libraries to our communities. Information about the "*Buy a Brick*" campaign was also discussed.
- Ms. Barrow and Mr. Leveroni, Information Technology Director, attended the 2012 Public Technology Institute Conference, which was held here in San Diego, and gave a presentation on technology initiatives for the City of San Diego and the new Central Library.
- Coming soon in December 2012 – A Veterans Resources Center at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library will offer veterans and military families an opportunity to get connected to state and federal benefits and services they have earned through their service. SDPL is one of three libraries chosen by the California State Library to pilot this program. A media event announcing this program is scheduled for November 20 at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library.
- Mr. Camacho gave a detailed power point presentation on the different types of state-of-the-art technology and services that are being explored for implementation at the new Central Library and auditorium.

10.c Legislative Update

None.

10.b Budget Update

Staff is currently working on the Capital Improvements budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah L. Barrow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

DEBORAH L. BARROW
Library Director

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