



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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## MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commissioners:

**Present:** Susan Atkins, Salvatore Giametta, Katie Sullivan, Sarah White

**Absent:** Ann Haddad, Abby Silverman Weiss, Alan Ziegaus

**Staff:** Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Misty Jones, Deputy Director, Central; Bruce Johnson, Deputy Director, Branches; Khadija Cunningham, Clerical Assistant II; Mark Nassar, Deputy Director, Engineering and Capital Projects, Public Works Department; and Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II, Engineering and Capital Projects, Public Works Department

**Public:** Joan Curry, Ann McDonald, Joan Reese

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Giametta at 12:41 p.m. in the Sullivan Commission Room.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 4, 2013 minutes were approved unanimously.

### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

### COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Giametta mentioned that it has been great to see the new Central Library open, and be used as a place to bring people together. He also thanked Ms. Barrow, the library staff, and the Library Foundation for their continued service and efforts during the whole process.

**REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** Ann McDonald

Ms. McDonald congratulated Ms. Deborah Barrow and her staff for the very smooth and successful opening weekend. The Friends are pleased with their partnership with the Library Foundation in sponsoring the Library Shop which opened successfully on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Their Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, October 12, in the Special Events Room. New Officers Joan Curry and Joan Reese will be inducted as the new president and vice president respectively, replacing both Ann McDonald and Punky Fristrom. The Friends 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Writing for Literacy Essay Contest materials have been distributed, and the deadline will be Friday, December 20, 2013.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Katie Sullivan

Ms. Sullivan proudly announced that on September 28, 2013 the new Central Library was officially turned over to The City of San Diego. The building is completely paid for, due in part to the Joan and Irwin Jacobs \$10 Million Challenge Match and the hard work done by the San Diego Public Library Foundation staff. A major donor event took place on September 18<sup>th</sup> garnering even more enthusiasm to help achieve their campaign goal. A very notable pledge was the additional \$1.2 million from Darlene Marcos Shiley announced at the September 18<sup>th</sup> Library Foundation event.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Cynthia Meinhardt and Mark Nassar (Discussion Item):
  - New Central Library: The City now has permanent occupancy of the new Central Library building. The Central Library was dedicated on September 28, 2013 and the library was fully opened on September 30, 2013.
  - Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library: Ms. Meinhardt gave an update for the Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library project. A site for construction has been identified and purchased, the old IBEW Building on Washington Street.
  - Skyline Hills Branch Library: Mr. Nassar gave updates for the Skyline Hills project as well as the following project listed below. A Skyline Hills Community meeting took place on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - San Ysidro Branch Library: A potential project site has been identified and the Real Estate Assets Department is currently in negotiations with the owner to purchase the property.
- b. Update from the Library Director (Discussion Item)
  - Ms. Barrow expressed her gratitude toward the Sullivan family who sponsored the construction and design of the Sullivan Commission Room. She also gave honor to Katie Sullivan and others for their many years of dedicated service toward library advocacy and contributions.
  - The Celebration Event on September 28<sup>th</sup> was successful; Ms. Barrow thanked the Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library for their efforts to make this event possible. She also noted the diligent efforts of the library staff who worked behind the scenes to ensure the event's success.

- The new name of the library is now The San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common. As expressed by Dr. Jacobs, this is a place for the people of San Diego.
- A parking vendor has been selected and will be installed once contracts have been finalized. In addition the Library and the Department of Corporate Partnerships are in the process of preparing a Request for Proposal to have an on-site café vendor.
- The *One Book, One San Diego* kickoff event took place on opening day September 30<sup>th</sup>. Over 700 people were in attendance to hear a discussion of the featured book entitled *Caleb's Crossing*. The Pulitzer Prize winning author, Geraldine Brooks, expressed that it was an honor for her to be at the new Central Library to discuss her book on the opening day of the library.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Ms. Jones reported statistics for the September 28<sup>th</sup> Sneak Peek event. The door count at the end of the day recorded 7,000 visitors at the library. During the Street Fair, 534 library cards were issued. On opening day September 30<sup>th</sup>, 681 library cards were issued. Between both days the Library had 15,000 visitors, and 1,100 new library cards were registered.

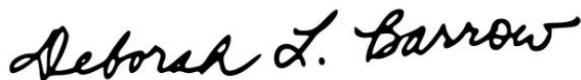
The Commission asked that a letter be written to the Commission for Arts and Culture, thanking them for their efforts placing artwork throughout the library. The Commission also asked that a letter be written to thank the City staff from the Engineering and Capital Projects, Public Works Department for their work on the new Central Library project.

- b. Mr. Johnson gave updates on the Library Branch Division. He noted the success of the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event that hosted 400-500 attendees including members of the Hervey Family. Mr. Johnson was pleased to announce how many of the branch libraries have been working on great programming to offer to patrons throughout San Diego. In honor of "National Food Day" on October 24<sup>th</sup> some branches will be hosting programs such as worm composting, and cooking sessions.

The next commission meeting will be held at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, location will be 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 1:32 p.m.



DEBORAH L. BARROW  
Library Director