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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Katherine Nakamura, Sarah White, Alan Ziegaus

Absent: Ann Haddad, Abby Silverman Weiss

Staff: Misty Jones, Deputy Director, Central Library; Bruce Johnson, Deputy Director, Branch Libraries; Carol Tellez, Executive Assistant; Leslie McNabb, Librarian IV, Central Library; 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 Giametta at 12:38 p.m. in the Sullivan Commission Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 5, 2014 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Joan Curry

The Friends Annual Essay Contest will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at the Central Library. Twelve students, selected by an independent committee, will receive laptop computers, donated by “*Computers 2 San Diego Kids*,” and the grand prize winner will receive a check for \$500.00.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Misty Jones

The Foundation hosted a “*First 100 Days Donor Breakfast*” on Wednesday, February 19 at the Central Library. Amy Valeiras is the new chair of the San Diego Public Library Foundation.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Cynthia Meinhardt and Elif Cetin (Discussion Item)
- San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common: Elevator 2 is fully operational. The project is in the finishing stages of completion.
 - Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library: On January 14, 2014, the City Council approved \$4 million in capital bond money for this project. Staff met with Interim Mayor Gloria’s office to discuss community input. The architect’s contract is nearly finalized and is being processed for approval. The architects, staff and Library Foundation met in February 2014 to prepare for an upcoming meeting with the donor, and to discuss design changes.
 - Skyline Hills Branch Library: On October 28 the City Council’s Infrastructure Committee approved \$2.8 million in capital bond money to complete this project. The RFP (Request for Proposal) for design concepts was sent out in December, and proposals are due on February 25. The Commission for Arts and Culture is preparing an RFP to hire an artist by April 1, 2014. Three shortlisted Design Build firms submitted proposed designs on February 26. The designs are posted on the City website for review and selection by Council District 4 residents. The selection panel will complete the selection and notify the Design Build team by mid-March.
 - San Ysidro Branch Library: On October 28 the City Council’s Infrastructure Committee approved \$3 million in capital bond money for land acquisition and design of this project. A Phase I Assessment Report and land survey were completed in January 2014. The appraisal process is expected to be completed in March. Real Estate Assets Department (READ) will set up a meeting with Library and Public Works staff to discuss the next steps.

- San Carlos Branch Library: On January 14, 2014, the City Council approved \$1 million in capital bond money for land acquisition and completion of bridging documents. A briefing with Councilmember Sherman's office occurred on November 22. Project management staff and the project architect met in January to kick off the project and met with the Library Department in February to review the schematic plans for updated programmatic input. After the Library Department provides the updated library program, the architectural contract will be amended in order to revise the design and develop bridging documents.
- b. Commission Budget Suggestions (Action Item)
- The commissioners will put together a list of their FY2015 budget recommendations for the Library after the Mayor releases his proposed FY2015 budget on April 15. The April 2, 2014 commission meeting will be rescheduled to April 16, 2014.
- c. Update from the Library Director (Discussion Item)
- Ms. McNabb reported the "*Third Annual Seguimos Creando Enlaces*" bi-national conference will be held at the Central Library on Thursday, March 6 and Friday, March 7, 2014. Over 200 librarians from Mexico and California are expected to attend.
 - Ms. McNabb also reported on a "*Creative Aging in America*" grant for older adults. Instructional programs to be held will help build art-making skills in literary, performing and visual arts.
 - Ms. Jones and Commissioner Sullivan met with Senator Wyland's staff on two pending items of legislation, "*Public Library Broadband Initiative*" which would enable public libraries to access a higher speed, statewide broadband; and "*Senate Constitutional Amendment 7-Wolk*," which would revise the vote threshold for special taxes and construction bonds from 2/3 vote to 55%. Ms. Jones asked for volunteers to meet with Senator Block's office regarding these two legislative items. Ms. Jones mentioned that a new legislative bill, SB1455 has recently been introduced by Senator DeSaulnier entitled, "*California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2014*." If approved by the voters, the bill would authorize the issuance of an unspecified amount of bonds for the purpose of financing library construction and renovation.
 - The IDEA (Innovation and Digital Expression Activity) Lab has officially opened at the Central Library. The lab, funded by an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant, offered through the California State Library, is for teenagers only and is equipped with high end graphic software and 3D printers.
 - The "*Weiss Baseball Archive*," a large archive with numerous baseball treasures, has been donated to the Central Library. Staff and volunteers are in the process of cataloging and preparing the items for public display.
 - The Central Library has received national recognition. Libraries such as, "*Calgary Public Library*" and "*Grand Rapids Public Library*," have requested information on the planning, building and operation of the Central Library.

- Mr. Johnson gave a brief update on the SERRA Cooperative Library System, which is still active and provides cooperative planning and purchases between member libraries.
- Mr. Johnson attended the Public Library Directors' Forum in Sacramento on February 25-26, 2014. Key statewide issues such as the "*Public Library Broadband Initiative*" were discussed.
- University Heights Branch Library is celebrating its 100th anniversary on Saturday, April 12.
- On Saturday, March 1, Congressman John Lewis visited the Oak Park Branch Library and spoke about his early life and struggles as a civil rights activist.
- The San Diego Public Library received a \$5,000 grant award from the Boys and Girls Foundation for the "*Admit One Program*" at Valencia Park/Malcolm X, Otay Mesa-Nestor and Logan Heights Branch Libraries.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ann McDonald, Library Shop Oversight Committee, reported that the Library Shop has earned most of its profits from selling books. The Library Shop will be featured in an upcoming issue of "*San Diego Magazine*."

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.



BRUCE JOHNSON
Deputy Director
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