



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, August 5, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Abby Weiss, Ileana Ovalle Engel, Ann Haddad, Katherine Nakamura, Wendy Urushima-Conn, Sarah White

Absent: Alan Ziegaus

Staff: Misty Jones, Library Director; Nicole Spriggs, Executive Assistant; Erwin Magbanua, Programming and Special Events Librarian; Charlie Goldberg, Marketing Director, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Elise Ciez, Community Relations Specialist, San Diego Public Library Foundation

Public: Joan Curry, Michelle Perry, Marshall Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Weiss at 12:37 p.m. in the Sullivan Commission Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 3, 2015 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Perry, a member of Decoding Dyslexia requested that informational brochures be placed at all library branches to promote literacy and dyslexia awareness in various communities.

The informational brochures contain a list of dyslexia symptoms, recommended books about dyslexia, and lists online resources. Decoding Dyslexia is a grass roots organization of parents concerned about the limited access to educational interventions for dyslexia in public schools. Decoding Dyslexia would like to partner with the Library to provide free informational seminars to the public, host a dyslexia simulation event, and a free dyslexia screening event. The website for Decoding Dyslexia is www.DecodingDyslexiaCA.org.

CITY ATTORNEY PRESENTATION: Carrie Gleeson

Carrie Gleeson, Deputy City Attorney, presented information on the duties and functions of the Board of Library Commissioners and an overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Board of Library Commissioners is a legislative body that assists the City in making relevant policy for the Library System. There are seven (7) members of the board, with one member representing SDUSD. The Board is appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council. Board members serve staggered terms with an eight (8) year term limit. The purpose of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California's Open Meeting Law) is to ensure that the actions of public bodies are taken openly and that their deliberations are conducted openly. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation were distributed.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Joan Curry

Joan Curry attended the City Council meeting on Monday, June 8, 2015 to speak on behalf of the Friends of the Library to encourage the council members to vote to increase the number of hours the libraries in the City would be open each week. The number of hours was increased. Power Book Sales continue to be lucrative, the last one earning \$2,900. The Book Sale is the Friends of the Library greatest fundraiser for the San Diego Public Library System.

The North Park Branch Library, Carmel Valley Branch Library, and San Ysidro Branch Library have elected officers for their respective Friends chapters and are finally operating. On Saturday, June 6, 2015, Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch Library celebrated its 50th birthday. Councilman Sherman attended, as well as, Commissioner Katherine Nakamura. The Friends of the Library are currently working on their Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – Noon.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Charlie Goldberg

The Library Foundation met the \$1,000,000 match last fiscal year. The Foundation would like to thank the Corporate Friends of the Library, and individual Friends of the Library groups for assisting in meeting this goal for the twelfth (12th) year. Fall is the busiest time of the year for the Library Foundation with end of the year asks and working towards the second annual "*Celebration Under the Dome*" event scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2015. Invitations will be sent out shortly, but tickets can be purchased online now. Qualcomm will be the title sponsor for this event, along with sponsorship coming from Cox Communications. Early-bird tickets are available until September 8, 2015. In the early Fall, the Foundation will be rolling out some donor acquisition efforts. Library Foundation Community Relations Specialist, Elise Ciez, will be working with the Foundation to build close relationships with the Board of Library Commissioners, also with the Friends of the Library and elected officials.

AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects by Library Director Misty Jones
(Discussion Item)

- Skyline Hills Branch Library: The design is 100% complete and is currently in citywide plan check and DSD review for construction permit. Groundbreaking is scheduled for the early Fall.
- San Ysidro Branch Library: The City has made an offer to the property owners for the alternative project site and is in the process of finalizing an agreement. The project received \$5M in Redevelopment Agency Funds via May Revise. The overall project budget is \$12M. The current funding shortage is approximately \$2M.
- Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library: Janet Zweig was recently awarded the contract to design, fabricate and install public art in the new Mission Hills Branch Library. She visited San Diego in July to meet with the Library Dept., Commission for Arts and Culture, architect and community to gather input and initiate the art design.
- San Carlos Branch Library: The San Carlos Branch Library Building Committee, Library Department, Council District 7 representatives and project management staff met on July 22 to review the current status of the project including the site clean-up, presented by California Department of Environmental Health and library schematic plan, presented by David Pfeifer, Domus studio architects. Katherine Nakamura, a representing the committee, presented a slide presentation communicating their vision for the library/community center.

b. Update from the Library Deputy Director (Discussion Item)

- Erwin Magbanua, Programming and Special Events Librarian gave a brief update on Comic-Con 2015. Comic-Con added the San Diego Central Library as a new programming location in 2015. The *Art of Comic-Con* exhibition started in the Art Gallery at Central Library on June 20, 2015 and ends on September 6, 2015. The exhibition provides unprecedented access to original art by over 60 comic artists, the exhibition traces the history of Comic-Con through art and provides a sneak peek into the evolving process of creating comic art.
- Ms. Jones gave an overview of various central/branch library programs for the month of August. On August 26, 2015 North Park Branch Library will be having an Open House from 5:30-7:00 p.m. On August 7, 2015 at the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library, Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins will be holding a Public Protection Townhall. Lambda Award Winning Author, Rahul Mehta will be speaking at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library on August 7, 2015. The Library will be hosting the first Career Online High School Graduation on August 26, 2015 at the Central Library in the Shiley Special Events Suite.
- The library received an increase to the budget of \$2.3 Million for additional hours. The library added full hours at all branches on Saturdays. All branches will be open all day on Saturdays, beginning October 2015. The Central Library will be open at 9:30 a.m. Monday thru Saturday. Meet and confer will be held on

August 18, 2015. Sunday hours were added at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library. Additional money was also received to expand the *Do Your Homework @ the Library* Program throughout the summer at ten (10) library locations. A Program Manager position (Special Projects) and Custodians for Central were approved.

- Libraries received \$14.6 million statewide from the State Budget. Career Online High School was listed as a State budget item.
- New Fines and fees have been in effect since July 15.
- Library Fine Discount Month will be held September 1, 2015 thru September 30, 2015. Return overdue books and materials and the Library will discount your fines (late charges) by 50%. Pay 50% of your existing book and material fines due and the Library will erase the remaining 50%.
- The library will be doing a system-wide inventory of the collection to clean up the library catalog.
- The library is currently working on their Tactical Plan. A workgroup has been established with library employees. Misty asked Library Commissioners to be prepared for future feedback.
- Misty noted that the Library received two Community Development Block Grants for the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library and the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library. The grants would include graffiti code painting, upgrade of security system, lighting, carpet etc.
- Misty mentioned that the Library will be going through a Performance Audit.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Newly appointed Commissioner, Wendy Urushima-Conn was welcomed to the Board of Library Commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Nakamura will be making a presentation for SDUSD regarding joint projects between the Library and SDUSD

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will be held on October 7, 2015, at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common in the Sullivan Commission Room on the 9th Floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Weiss adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.



MISTY JONES
Library Director
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