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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, October 6, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Ann Haddad, Abby Silverman Weiss, Katie Sullivan, Sarah White

Absent: Susan Atkins, Alan Ziegaus

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Christine Siegel, Deputy Director; Steve Hawkesworth, Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer and Charlie Goldberg, Marketing Director, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Darren Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, Architectural Engineering and Parks Division; Marina Claudio-Perez, Youth Services Coordinator; Vanassa Goodman, Young Adult Librarian; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

Public: Punky and Anne Fristrom

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Charlie Goldberg

In September the Foundation reported on its fundraising progress to the City Council's Rules Committee.

Starting at the end of October, donation solicitations from the San Diego Public Library Foundation will once again be added to water bills mailed to City of San Diego Water Department customers.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Punky Fristrom

The 33rd Annual Friends meeting was held at the Logan Heights Branch Library. The Logan Heights teens who participated in the *Project Unknown's* American Library Association's winning video submission each received brand new Beach Cruiser bikes from CP Kelco.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Deborah Barrow

Ms. Barrow reported that Advisory Board member Brenda Mason has retired. The Library Commission will send Ms. Mason a letter to thank her for her service.

The Librarians for Diverse Communities (LDC) program has started its third and final year. LDC students and mentors were featured in the fall workshop held at Logan Heights Branch Library entitled "*Diversity: the Big Picture.*" Library Assistant Alan Bugg was one of the panelists and spoke about developing partnerships with the Iranian community. San Diego Public Library and Serra received a State grant to organize a conference, "*Creando Enlaces: a Baja and Southern California Conference to Expand Library Borders.*"

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update: Darren Greenhalgh

Mr. Greenhalgh gave an update on the New Central Library. The project is on schedule and work continues on drywall framing and pouring concrete on the sixth floor.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

Quotes for the New Central Library (NCL): Commissioner Sarah White described how a committee was formed, the process it went through for selecting quotes, and locations of quotes in the NCL. A handout was distributed showing the quotes selected for the NCL's East Arcade.

New Central Library's Children's Village: Youth Services Coordinator Marina Claudio-Perez gave a power point presentation on a proposed concept for the NCL's Children's Village.

New Central Library's Teen Center: Young Adult Librarian Vanassa Goodman gave a power point presentation on a proposed concept for the NCL's Teen Center, developed by students at Kearny-Stanley Foster Construction Tech Academy.

Ms. Barrow reported that Otay Mesa-Nestor Library Branch Manager Coco Rios received a letter from Montgomery Head Start children that stated that, "*The best book that we found in your library was not a material book that you can see. It was the book of love for children that we felt as soon as we walked into your library.*"

A recent news article in the San Francisco Chronicle described how San Francisco's libraries are being renovated and are thriving. A copy of the article was distributed to the commissioners.

The New Central Library has been selected as a site for the traveling exhibit, "*Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War.*" The exhibit will be on display at the NCL from November 12, 2014-January 9, 2015.

A National Disability Employment Awareness event will be held in Balboa Park on October 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Mayor's Committee on Disability and the Human Relations Commission are partnering to observe this important occasion. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Warwick's Bookstore and the San Diego Public Library will host an author talk by world best-selling Irish author Anne Enright, who will introduce her newest book, *The Forgotten Waltz*, on October 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library

Ms. Barrow gave a brief update on FY 2011 statistics for the library. Commissioner Silverman Weiss asked for a comparison and trend of the statistics over the past couple of years as they may be impacted by reduced library hours. Ms. Barrow will provide this information at the next meeting.

The Eureka Leadership Institute event was held in San Jose on Sept. 27-28. Library staff members Kirby McCurtis and Leslie McNabb were recognized for their achievements.

An announcement naming the Library's new Deputy Director will be released next week. The new Deputy Director will be introduced to the commissioners at their next meeting.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Salvatore Giametta

Commissioner Giametta commented on the importance of the Library Foundation's fund raising efforts for the New Central Library.

AGENDA ITEMS (cont)

10.b Budget Update

No report provided.

10.c Legislative Update

No report provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

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