

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, February 7, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Katherine Nakamura, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Ann Haddad, Sarah White

Absent: Abby Weiss, Alan Ziegaus, Wendy Urushima-Conn

Staff: Robert Cronk, Library Deputy Director; Nicole Spriggs, Executive Assistant; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing, San Diego Public Library Foundation

Public: Ann McDonald

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 3, 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann McDonald noted that the League of Women voters had a wonderful Sips & Civility event in January. There were approximately 200 attendees. The next one will be held on March 13, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Joan Reese

The corporate Friends monthly book sale continues to do well due to the hard work of the dedicated volunteers and donations of saleable books, media and occasionally other items from the community. The next book sale is scheduled for the weekend of Friday-Sunday, February 16-18. Online book sales in collaboration with the Friends of the Central Library are also doing well. FSDPL is currently accepting applications for the John McAllister Memorial Library Scholarship. This opportunity is available to all full- and part-time library staff. A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a staff member enrolled in a degree program leading to an MLIS or related degree. \$500 award is offered to a staff member to attend a library-related conference. The deadline is March 1. The Friends would like to thank Bob Cronk for his assistance in getting the word out to staff via email and the library intranet. (link to application on dedicated page of FSDPL website)

The City Heights Law Day Program sponsored by the City Heights Friends of the Library won a national award from the American Bar Association. The City Heights Law Day program was recognized by the ABA as the best public program in the country. The City Heights Friends and the Friends of the San Diego Public Library each agreed to provide some financial support so that the three members of the Law Day Committee could attend the ABA meeting in Vancouver to accept the award. Among other considerations, the FSDPL board felt that providing this sort of support and recognition could encourage other Friends' chapters to consider presenting unique and innovative programs to meet the needs of their respective communities. The monthly meeting of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library Board and Presidents' Advisory Council will be held on Saturday, February 10, at the Mission Valley Branch Library. We are looking forward to having Misty Jones and Raul Gudiño, join us and present an update.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Charlie Goldberg

City Council issued budget priority memos at the end of last month. The Library Foundation, Friends of the Library and Library Commissioners met with each councilmember to discuss maintaining library hours and returning some programming and materials budget. Three councilmembers did mention support of maintaining library hours in the priority memos. Also, three councilmembers focused on maintaining or increasing the programming budget. Additionally, seven of nine councilmembers mentioned the library is some regard.

Beginning in May 2018, the Foundation will be scheduling meetings with each council office between April 13 –May 2 which is the time in between when the Mayor issues the budget and the first budget review committee takes place. The Foundation is currently focused on the upcoming Carnegie Society Tea which will be held on May 23, 2018. This event will recognize Library Foundation donors that have indicated that they have included the Foundation in their estate plans. This event will be held on the same day as the 5th Annual Career Online High School Graduation.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects

San Ysidro Branch Library:

Groundbreaking ceremony was held January 12, 2018 with a great turnout. Currently, clearing and grubbing is taking place for grading of the site. All disciplines with the exception of historical has been cleared for permitting at DSD. Foundation form work to commence following the grading of the site.

Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library:

The underground garage Parking Level 1 columns and ground level parking garage ramp were poured in mid-January. Shoring, rebar, formwork and mechanical, electrical and plumbing rough-ins are being installed in preparation for the podium concrete deck pour at the street grade level.

San Carlos Branch Library:

Domusstudio architecture submitted the 100% design bridging documents for review and approval by the Library and Public Works Departments. The remediation consultant, Stantec, continues to monitor/sampling the wells as reported in January 2018. Stantec anticipates to submit the next site assessment report and recommendation to county for review by early spring.

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

The consultant, working with the Library Department, developed a preliminary project program for the 18,000 sq. ft. library. The project team attended the Design Review Committee of the Carmel Valley Planning Board on Monday, January 29 to initiate community outreach. The design team will continue to develop the project program and proposed visuals for Library review and input prior to the next planned community meeting in March.

b. Update from the Library Deputy Director – Robert Cronk

A list of library events for the month of February was distributed. Some of those events included: *Behind the Curtain with the Old Globe* on February 10, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Otay Mesa-Nestor Library; *Community Problem-Solving Meeting* on February 20, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Logan Heights Library; *Hidden Human Computers: Author Talk with Dr. Duchess Harris* on February 24, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Central Library; *Exploring the Science of Harry Potter* on February 24, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Rancho Penasquitos Library.

Mr. Cronk noted that Library Director Misty Jones will be attending the Budget Review Meeting on February 15th to present the Library budget. On Saturday, February 10, 2018 Misty Jones will be attending the Friends of the Library meeting to present the new matching fund policy. The automated renewal went into effect in November 2017. The Library started the floating collection on February 6th. The first part of the collection to start floating is fiction, two years or older.

Mr. Cronk distributed a packet of templates prepared for the various STEAM programs. Branches will be able to enter times/dates of the various programs into the templates. Admit One fliers were also distributed with dates/times of various SAT & ACT test prep sessions being offered at the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library.

AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion Item)

- a. Raul Gudino, Supervising Management Analyst gave an update on the budget.
- b. Library Director Misty Jones will be attending the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhood Committee in March to present the new fine policy. The Library has been receiving positive feedback.
- c. San Carlos Branch Library update is postponed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

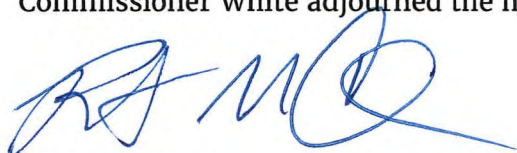
Katherine Nakamura noted that at the end of Normal Street there is an old building that was originally a school. The School District will be selling their property on Normal Street and that building is part of that parcel.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner White adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.



ROBERT CRONK
Library Deputy Director
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