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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Abby Weiss, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Alan Ziegaus, Wendy Urushima-Conn

Absent: Katherine Nakamura, Ann Haddad, Sarah White

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

Public: Ann McDonald, Joan Reese, Amir Rahim

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Weiss at 12:32 p.m. in the Sullivan Commission Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 7, 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Amir Rahim representing Extreme Rahim Entertainment addressed the Board of Library Commissioners regarding San Diego Public Library unfair labor practices. He provided the board with a statement (statement on file and available upon request).

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Joan Reese

The corporate Friends monthly book sale continues to do well. The next book sale is scheduled for the weekend of Friday–Sunday, March 16–18. Online book sales in collaboration with the Friends of the Central Library are also doing well.

The committee is currently reviewing applications for the John McAllister Memorial Library Scholarship. Winners will be notified before March 22nd. Misty Jones and Raul Gudiño gave a well-received presentation on the proposed changes to the Matching Fund policy at the February meeting of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library. The next monthly meeting of the FSDPL Board and Presidents' Advisory Council will be held on Saturday, March 10, at the Mission Valley Branch Library. Friends volunteer Executive Director, Fran Pierce, seems to be making a good recovery from the hip fracture.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Charlie Goldberg

In the past month, the Foundation has received some good news on grant applications that were submitted. The Foundation received \$100,000 grant from the Zable Foundation for Library NExT and IDEA Labs programming and \$75,000 grant from the Parker Foundation for Library Foundation sustainability. The Foundation thanked library staff for their assistance in making the successful grant applications possible.

The Foundation is currently in the middle of different phases of two community campaigns around San Ysidro and Mission Hills Libraries. The Foundations' campaign for San Ysidro is chaired by Ingrid de Llamas, whose family is one of the major donors for the San Ysidro Library. Ms. de Llamas has had a very active role meeting with individual donors and community members in the South Bay area. The Foundation is actively selling tiles for the South Bay area. The community can sponsor inscribed tile for \$100 or \$250 for slightly larger tile. This opportunity is open for anybody that would like to participate. Materials for the San Ysidro campaign were shared with the board. The Foundation is in the silent phase of the Mission Hills campaign. The Foundation has had meetings with donors that are interested in supporting this campaign. Patti Roscoe has made a commitment gift to name the Hobbit House in the children's area in honor of her granddaughter. It will be called Hopes Hobbit House. The Foundation is looking at late spring to launch a more public phase of the Mission Hills campaign. The Foundation has started scheduling budget advocacy meetings with City Council between April 13, – May 2, 2018. The Celebration under the Dome event will be on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Save the date reminders will be sent out in the next few weeks. Leslie Devaney is the chair for this event.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects

San Ysidro Branch Library:

The site has been cleared and grubbed for rough grading. In addition the garage has been demoed and the current activity is grading the site. DB–team is addressing final comments with DSD for the building permit and plan to have a stamp transfer for the perforated plan set by the end of the week.

Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library:

The podium concrete deck was poured in February and the two story underground parking garage construction is complete. Work is continuing on removing formwork and shoring and will proceed to structural steel column and beam installation and roof framing for the library.

San Carlos Branch Library:

The 100% design bridging documents are being reviewed by the Library and Public Works Departments. Comments are anticipated to be received by the end of March. 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 design team is continuing to develop the project program, library layout and proposed visuals for Library review and input. Our next community outreach at the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board's Design Review Subcommittee meeting is upcoming this month.

b. Update from the Library Director – Misty Jones

A list of library events for the month of March was distributed. Some of those events included: *Finnegan Blue* on March 10, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Library; *Sips & Civility: Homelessness* on March 13, 2:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Central Library; *Author Talk: Anza-Borrego Night with Diana Lindsay* on March 14, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Library; *Breaking News @ The Library: Women in the Media* on March 20, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the La Jolla/Riford Library.

Spring into STEAM brochures were distributed. The kick-off event is March 7th. The theme is Blast Off! Astronaut training. All programs are geared towards ages 9-12. This program lasts through May 2018. The library was invited to be a co-sponsor of a Women in STEM program on Thursday, March 8th at Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa. Library Director Misty Jones was invited to speak about innovation in libraries on a panel at the ASU+GSV conference summit here in San Diego on April 16th and 17th.

AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion Item)

- a. The library was tasked with a 2 1/2 percent budget reduction. The library had a budget review. The library proposed elimination of Sunday branch and central hours and elimination of some library contracts. The library had some budget asks such as security and janitorial services for special events. The Mayor will release his budget recommendations in April.
- b. Ms. Jones noted that the Library met with Councilmember Cate regarding the fine free proposal. This proposal was also presented to the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee. The proposal is slated to go before Council in April as part of the user fee study.

- c. The library presented the matching fund policy at the Friends Chapter Leaders meeting. The library also presented the policy to the La Jolla Friends of the Library. Next, the library will be presenting the policy to the Rancho Bernardo Friends of the Library at their next meeting. The matching fund policy could possibly go to committee in April and to Council in May. The impact of this policy revision will merge all funds together and remove the restrictions for being able to spend the donations and what can be matched.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner chair Abby Weiss and commissioner Alan Ziegaus have termed out as Board of Library Commissioners. Certificates of appreciation were distributed for their years of service to the Board of Library Commissioners. Elizabeth Hansen and Ben Moraga have been appointed as their replacements starting in April. Commissioner Weiss noted that she has seen tremendous progress particularly in programs at the library branches. Commissioner Ziegaus and Weiss thanked everyone.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Oak Park Branch Library is a confirmed item for the April agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Weiss adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.



MISTY JONES
Library Director
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