

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Wendy Urushima-Conn, Marshall Anderson, Katherine Nakamura, Linda Sotelo

Absent: Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Ben Moraga, Elizabeth Hansen

Staff: Misty Jones, Director – Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant; Sheila Burnett, Deputy Director – Library; Bob Cronk, Deputy Director – Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing

Public: Ann McDonald, Jay Hill, Joan Reese, Pat Wilson, Cindy Olmstead

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Urushima-Conn at 12:33 PM in the Sullivan Commission Room. Their last meeting was August 1, 2018.

Commissioner Urushima-Conn welcomed the 2 new commissioners, Marshall Anderson and Linda Sotelo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 1, 2018 minutes was approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Joan Reese – President, Friends of the San Diego Public Library

The corporate Friends' monthly book sale continues to do well due to a steady flow of incoming donations combined with the dedication and energy of our volunteers. The Friends again partnered with the Foundation and Commission for proactive fall library advocacy visits to most of the City Councilmembers. We attempted to have a Friend who is also constituent participate in each of these visits. These Friends are able to address issues affecting their local libraries as well as represent the Friends citywide.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library held a successful 40th Annual Meeting in September. We appreciated the support of Misty Jones, Bob Cronk and library staff as well as that of Foundation staff, notably Charlie Goldberg and Jay Hill. Thank you to Library Commission member, Katherine Nakamura, for attending.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library held a very well-received workshop for Friends' leaders from the chapters and corporate/"greater" Friends board two weeks ago. Our facilitator was Peter Pearson, a national expert on Friends of the Library groups, who is the president-elect of United for Libraries, the division of the ALA for Friends, Foundations and other library supporters. We called the day "Building on 40 Years of Success," and the focus was on exploring ways in which we can become more effective and more collaborative as Friends' groups and thus better fulfill our mission of supporting our San Diego Libraries.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Charlie Goldberg

Charlie Goldberg of the Library Foundation mentioned that Fall meetings with City Council were recently completed. The Foundation coordinates these meetings and invites partners with the Library Commission and the Friends of the Library to participate. Mr. Goldberg introduced Katherine Johnston. The Foundation has contracted with Ms. Johnston, who recently worked in Mayor Faulconer's office, to provide support and advice on public policy issues. He mentioned that the Library Foundation has good relations with the three recently elected new members of the City Council and will seek meetings with them soon. Mr. Goldberg said the Library Foundation's annual fundraising event Celebration Under the Dome was a success and met fundraising goals and educated more than 400 attendees about the Library and Foundation's mission. He thanked Commissioners and others for their support in making the event a success and mentioned that planning is underway for next year's event.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects

Mission Hills–Hillcrest/Harley and Bessie Knox Branch Library:

The walk-through was performed on Tuesday October 9 with various city departments. Waiting for TCO. The planned opening is January 26 (95% sure).

San Ysidro Library:

50% complete. Opening in early Fall 2019.

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

Design process. Meeting is scheduled on October 29 to review Americans with Disabilities (ADA) and other city departments' comments with the architect. Planned opening is 2022 completion.

San Carlos Branch Library:

A meeting was held with the architect in September to review the revised the documents. Still no funding identified for construction. Fall 2019 completion.

Tierrasanta Library Expansion:

The contractor continues to work on the improvements including the sidewalk, walkway and entry area to the library and the restrooms. Fixing the parking lot and adding community room and expanding a little outdoor area. Spring 2019 completion.

Logan Heights Library:

Opening sometime mid-2019.

b. Update from the Library Director – Misty Jones and Bob Cronk

Successful Staff Development Day on Oct. 11 was well attended at the New Comic Con Museum. Venue was free. Lots of positive feedback from staff. Speaker Dr. Steve Albrecht on training on personal safety and situational awareness. He's a consultant and a former SDPD officer. Staff also attended Mental Health First Aid training.

AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion Item)

a. 21st Century Library Plan

PowerPoint Presentation by Misty Jones. Handouts disseminated and attached.

Katherine Johnston's proposed process together, Advocacy Public Policy Committee to work with the Library Department and the Commission to get a library consultant and finalize a budget and funding resources for the plan. Outreach discussion and review recommendations and compile all the data together and get a plan and bring it forward for adoption for the Mayor and the City Council. How do we get the funding to make it happen and get the City Council to approve and get everyone onboard? Advocacy is a brand-new committee and is meeting for the 1st time shortly after the Commission meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Announcements:

Mission Hills-Hillcrest – November 14th at 3:00 PM, Sneak Peek to celebrate the partnership between Mission Hill-Hillcrest Friends and the Library Foundation.

State of the City on January 15th, there's a reception before the State of the City Address at the US Grant 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM. The Library Commission, Friends and Foundation have

partnered to help underwrite the reception. Donations: supportmylibrary.org.

Congratulations to Katherine Nakamura for being a recipient of the Reischauer International Education Award at the Japan Society's 25th Annual Leadership Awards Gala.

Library Journal Directors Forum is going to be held at the Central Library, Shiley Suite on Dec. 6 and 7. There will be 150 Library Directors attending from all over the nation.

The campaign for Great-Level Reading is having their conference today. Initiate the students' success initiative, making sure that all students in unified school district has a library card. Has a 3-item limit and is fine-free.

It's going to be a tough budget year. Will go for recommendations and alternatives for what will be cut. Will know more in December after the 5-year outlook.

Congratulations to Jay Hill for being one of the top finalists of the Outstanding Development Professionals at the Association of Fundraising Professionals National Philanthropy Day.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 1:38 PM



MISTY JONES
Library Director
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