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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Wendy Urushima-Conn, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Elizabeth Hansen, Marshall Anderson

Absent: Katherine Nakamura, Linda Sotelo, Ben Moraga

Staff: Misty Jones, Director-Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant; Bob Cronk, Deputy Director-Library; Raul Gudiño, Supervising Management Analyst-Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing

Public: Jay Hill and Ann McDonald

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Urushima-Conn at 1:02 PM in the Sullivan Commission Room. Their last meeting was December 5, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 5, 2018 minutes was approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

The greater (corporate/umbrella) Friends' monthly book sale continues to do well. The next sale will be held in our book sale space on the lower level of the University Heights Branch Library on Jan. 18-20. The Friday preview sale is from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. The main sale occurs on Saturday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The Sunday sale is from 12 Noon – 4:00 PM features specials including books by the bag.

At this month's meeting for the Friends of the San Diego Public Library (FSDPL) on Saturday, January 12th, special guests will be Jay Hill, CEO of the Foundation and Katherine Johnston, who is providing consultation around our joint library advocacy efforts. She will be discussing our ramped-up approach to advocacy in this extremely challenging budget year. Presidents of all Friends' chapters-affiliate and associate-or their representatives are invited to these monthly meetings which also include the board of the greater FSDPL. FSDPL is pleased once again to co-host a reception prior to the State of the City Address on January 15th, together with the Foundation and Library Commissioners.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

There are 2 new branch libraries that opened that contain IDEA labs and 2 additional IDEA labs in Logan Heights and City Heights. Foundation is meeting with all the new councilmembers before the Executive Budget Review. June 30th is Jay Hill's last day and there's a CEO search going on. There are great events going on to meet their goal. January 15th, pre-reception is at the US Grant. Foundation is welcoming donations and is expecting a great turn out.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects

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

The final punch-list walk-through was held on December 18 and the majority of items were taken care of. The re-keying (key transfer to library department) was performed on December 20th. The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday January 26, 2019.

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

The project is currently at 60% design stage. Architectural Engineering and Parks (AEP) and the architect are working with Facilities Maintenance regarding choosing of an HVAC system that is both efficient and low maintenance. The number of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations, their specifications and cost are also being analyzed by project management team and the architect.

San Carlos Branch Library:

The architectural team completed incorporating the city review comments into the bridging documents and resubmitted the plans to the city for final approval. Tesoro's site remediation consultant, Stantec, was informed by the County's Department of Environmental Health (DEH) that it is no longer the Local Oversight Agency; the regulatory oversight of this case was transferred to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQ). The

consultant, Stantec, will be working with the SDRWQ on the case closure request/response in 2019.

Tierrasanta Library Expansion:

In addition to completing the replacement of the drag beam and glue beam in the community room, the contractor has been busy working on the remaining improvements to the expansion, installing hardware for the restrooms, framing and improvements to the study rooms and patio room, and IT/electrical conduit installation.

Kensington-Normal Heights:

Potential expansion of 2,000-sq-ft but will take some park land.

Ocean Beach:

Feasibility Study for the annex. The building is better off torn down due to lots of existing problems with the building. It will cost more to rehabilitate the building than to tear it down and rebuild.

University Heights:

UH Friends would like to have a new building for a library, but the Community Planning Group would like to transform an old historic building, 2-storey that has been empty for 15 years.

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

Dr. Morris will be speaking at the San Diego Public Library (SDPL) on Feb. 23rd and the USD on Feb. 25th. Monique W. Morris, Ed.D. is an award-winning author and social justice scholar with 3 decades of experience in the areas of education, civil rights, juvenile and social justice. Dr. Morris is the author of Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools. Large audiences are expected due to the many themes that Pushout impacts from social justice to the criminal system to education.

This represents the 2nd year in a row that SDPL has partnered with the University of San Diego's Library to present programs related to Black History Month and Women's History Month. The inaugural collaboration between our two libraries were the presentations in 2019 of Dr. Harris' book regarding Hidden Computers, the Black Women of NASA.

AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion Item)

a. Budget

FY 2010-2021, 3% budget cut. Misty met with the Executive Team then Raul presented the budget to the Commissioners on what can be eliminated. The Executive Budget Review is scheduled for the 2nd week of February.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Friendly reminder, save the date for the State of the City address.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 6, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 2:01 PM



MISTY JONES
Library Director
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