

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, February 6, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Wendy Urushima-Conn, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Marshall Anderson,
Katherine Nakamura, Linda Sotelo, Ben Moraga

Absent: Elizabeth Hansen

Staff: Misty Jones, Director-Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant; Bob Cronk, Deputy
Director-Library; Emily Derry-Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing

Public: Joan Reese, 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 on January 8, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 8, 2019 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 greater (corporate/umbrella) Friends' monthly book sale continues to do well. The January sale broke previous records! The next sale will be held in our book sale space on the lower level of the University Heights Branch Library the weekend of February 15-17, 2019.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library (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 college Certificate Program or a Degree Program (Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's) in Library Science, Information Management, or a related field. A \$500 award is offered to a staff member to attend a library-related conference. The deadline is March 8. I'd like to thank Bob Cronk for his assistance in getting the word out to staff via email and the library intranet. (The announcement is also posted on the FSDPL website, <https://www.friendsofsdpl.org> along with a link to application.)

FSDPL is planning some special programs to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of our organization. These will take place in April during National Library Week and will include a presentation by a nationally known author plus financial and some logistical support for programs planned by individual Friends' chapters at the branch libraries.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Book Pass was a success, the last book was passed at 10:03 AM. There were 400 books passed from the Old Mission Hills library to the new library. The Foundation is planning to do something similar to the new San Ysidro library opening.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects

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

The grand opening on Saturday, January 26, 2019 was a success.

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

The project is currently at 60% design stage. Architect HGW conducted a meeting to discuss the book stacks lay out on January 16th to get feedback from Architectural Engineering and Parks (AEP) and library department. Facility Maintenance and AEP management are still reviewing the HVAC system selection to evaluate energy efficiency and ease of maintenance. The next community meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2019.

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, is planning to meet with representative from the San Diego Regional

Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQ), at the end of the month.

Tierrasanta Library Expansion:

The Contractor is working on the skylights, finishing the restrooms, framing and improvements to the study rooms and patio room. They continue to work on the community room expansion, the reading patio and other associated components to complete the project.

San Ysidro Library:

The San Ysidro Library Project finished exterior color stucco earlier this week and the dismantling scaffolding around the building will be done on Friday January 25, 2019. This will open up the exterior for the painters and allow to get started on the site work. The interior of the building is in the process of being painted. In addition to the interior paint, the stone artwork is complete and the faux beams in the main lobby are in the process of being installed.

University Heights Library:

The UH Library task force is proposing the Teacher's Annex to be converted to a new library. It will cost more to convert the old building to a library than to build a new one. The UH Friends would rather have a new library built.

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

Flyers on PUSH OUT was disseminated to the commissioners. 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.

Misty met with the Mayor's office regarding library fines. It was decided that the outstanding fines be purged. The patrons who are blocked due to unpaid dues will be allowed back in. CM Cate's office is looking for ways for blocked patrons to regain access. The announcement will be in April to celebrate National Library Week.

AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion Item)

- a. Student Success Initiative (Emily Derry) – The Student Success Initiative is currently a proposal to issue all students registered in San Diego Unified School District library cards. The proposal is broken down into 4 phases, starting with the Target Schools for the Campaign for Grade Level Reading.
- b. Spring into STEAM (Emily Derry) – Spring into STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math] is geared towards students age 9 to 12 and will feature free, hands-on science programs in March, April and May. The theme is Dive In! and libraries will offer programming in collaboration with local science experts and organizations including Microsoft, San Diego Coastkeeper, ThoughtSTEM and The League of Extraordinary Scientists and Engineers.

c. Mid-City IDEA Lab (Misty Jones) – East Block Project

This is a new project that is being planned for City Heights, Kensington and Talmadge community.

Program Elements: Library NEXt, STEAM education through Sally Ride Science, College preparation, workforce development, expand offerings for adults and connect to Tech Hire, Innovation Lab, Featuring elements of all IDEA Labs, Patent and Trademark Center, Expansion from Central Library, Focus on support for inventors and entrepreneurs, Entrepreneur in Residence Program, Do Your Homework @ the Library, Relocate program operations, Summer Camps, Kinder Camp, Math and Science Readiness, Smart Cities Showcase.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Marshall Anderson: The County is working on a flag disposal to all libraries, no charge.

Linda Sotelo: She visited the Linda Vista library and had a great visit, staff is so passionate about their work.

Elizabeth Fitzsimons: Mission Hills opening was a great event.

Katherine Nakamura: Her term will be ending in March 2019 and is not planning to extend but will stay on until a new commissioner is appointed.

Executive Budget Review is next week and we're hopeful about the budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 1:42 PM



MISTY JONES
Library Director
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