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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

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

Absent: Ben Moraga

Staff: Misty Jones, Director-Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant; Sheila Burnett, Deputy Director-Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing; Catherine Hoang - Library; Azalea Ebbay - Library

Public: Joan Reese, Ann McDonald

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Urushima-Conn at 12:31 PM in the Sullivan Commission Room. Their last meeting was on February 6, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 6, 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. Although the February sale didn't break any records, the income was still substantial. The next sale will be held in our book sale space on the lower level of the University Heights Branch Library the weekend of March 15-17.

The deadline for applications for the John McAllister Memorial Library Scholarships, offered by the Friends of the San Diego Public Library (FSDPL), is this Friday, March 8. All full- or part-time library staff are eligible to apply. A \$1000 scholarship is available 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. Thanks again to 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 celebrating the 40th anniversary of our organization during National Library Week, the week of April 8-12.

- 1) We are pleased to be able to bring internationally best-selling science fiction author, blogger and journalist Cory Doctorow for a special event on the evening of Thursday, April 11. He is the author of *Little Brother* and the forthcoming *Radicalized*, among many other books, and is a lifelong supporter of libraries, a digital rights advocate and a proponent of the Creative Commons. He will be recognizing "libraries as one of the few remnants of a world where people were valued because of their humanity, not their money, and how that works in the current moment of extreme inequality, epistemological incoherence, and fear of imminent collapse." This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. To reserve your seat simply pre-order a copy of Mr. Doctorow's forthcoming novel *Radicalized* from the Library Shop. All proceeds support the San Diego Public Library System. We appreciate the assistance of the Foundation in helping to make this event possible.
- 2) In addition, FSDPL is encouraging individual Friends' chapters to plan programs at their branch libraries during National Library Week by offering financial and some logistical support for such programs.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Celebration Under the dome is Saturday, October 12. Patti Roscoe and Marlee Ehrenfeld are co-chairs. Early-bird registration is available now online at supportmylibrary.org at \$250 per person. This is significantly lower than previous years with a goal toward increasing community involvement in the event. Save the date cards will be mailed shortly.

The Library Foundation will be approaching Library supporters to make donations during Library Week in April.

The Foundation continues to reach out to community members encouraging support of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library. Engraved tiles are available for \$1,000 and \$2,000. Tiles will be available for several more months to allow installation before the summer.

Commission members will receive save the date notification for Jay Hill's farewell celebration which will be on Sunday, June 23.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects

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

The grand opening ceremony was on Saturday January 26, 2019. Library staff have moved in and library is in operation. The final library punch-list items and change orders are being taken care of by C.W. Driver.

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

The project is currently at 60% design stage. On February 15, 2019 Architect Hanna Gabriel Wells (HGW) conducted a meeting to discuss the interior design and to review sample carpeting, material & furnishings at HGW office. Library and Architectural Engineering & Parks staff were pleased with the selection and approved the interior furnishings and material. The next community meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2019.

San Carlos Branch Library:

The architectural team completed the bridging documents. Tesoro's site remediation consultant, Stantec, continues to work with San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQ), on site remediation and estimates one to two years to obtain SDRWQ approval.

Tierrasanta Library Expansion:

The contractor is working on the flooring improvements to the community room, the study rooms, the reading room, and completing the restrooms. They continue to work on the reading patio, installing the glass door, welded panels and other associated components necessary to complete the project.

San Ysidro Library:

Contractor, is currently working on interior and exterior improvements. The interior of the building is proceeding per schedule and has recently completed the installation of the T grid. Also, the beams and the support standoffs for the art work are being completed. The contractor will be starting ceiling tile in the near future which will then be followed by flooring. The contractor has already begun the site work activates, rough grading process to get ready for the forming for flat work and asphalt paving.

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

Pushout Event was an excellent event, very engaged audience and book sales were good.

Executive Budget Review – put forward all recommendations, will have to wait for the final budget which will be released on April 12, 2019.

Met with the Mayor's office regarding fine elimination at the Library. Details to follow. Catalogue system will change soon in 5-6 months.

AGENDA ITEMS

Mental Health Resource Fair – Azalea Ebbay

Free, informational fair with resources from local mental health and medical groups and wellness-based programming.

Memory Lab – Catherine Hoang

The Digital Memory Lab is an innovative space to learn how to access, digitize and share videos, audio recordings, photographs and slide.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 1:29 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Misty Jones', is written over the printed name.

MISTY JONES
Library Director
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