

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, April 10, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

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

Absent: Linda Sotelo, Elizabeth Hansen

Staff: Misty Jones, Director-Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant; Sheila Burnett, Deputy
Director-Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing; Marta Brandes-Miesner - Library

Public: Joan Reese

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Urushima-Conn at 12:32 PM in the Sullivan
Commission Room. Their last meeting was on March 6, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 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. The next sale will be held in our book sale space on the lower level of the University Heights Branch Library the weekend of April 19-21.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library (FSDPL) is pleased to announce the John McAllister Memorial Library Scholarship award winners. Bijan Nowroozian, Library Assistant III at NP, has been awarded the \$1000 scholarship offered to a staff member enrolled in a college Certificate Program or a Degree Program in Library Science, Information Management, or a related field. He is working toward an M.L.I.S from San José State University. The \$500 award offered to a staff member to attend a library-related conference has been awarded to Karina Balinda, PH Branch Manager, who will use it to attend the CLA conference. Thanks again to Bob Cronk for his assistance in getting the word out to staff.

FSDPL is celebrating celebrate the 40th anniversary of our organization this week—purposely planned to take place during National Library Week. The event featuring science fiction author, blogger and journalist Cory Doctorow is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, April 11, at 7 pm. I hope that the Commissioners receive the emailed invitations. Our planning committee was hoping to attract a broader audience with the selection of Doctorow as the speaker in an effort to spread the word about the Friends and recruit new members. We appreciate the assistance of the Foundation in helping to make this event possible. There are also a number of special programs planned at branch libraries this week based on National Library Week themes, made possible by small "grants" from FSDPL to the chapters; several include an advocacy component.

The next monthly meeting of FSDPL is scheduled for Saturday, April 13.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Charlie Goldberg
Marketing Director, San Diego Public Library Foundation

The Hervey Family Fund has made a commitment to provide \$250,000 a year over the next three fiscal years to support the expansion of the Library NExT program. Leaders of the fund were impressed with the program's impact in spreading STEAM concepts in underserved areas and wanted to invest in increasing access in these areas.

The Foundation is approaching donors about supporting the current Library during Library Week.

Library Foundation Marketing Director Charlie Goldberg introduced the newest Library Foundation staff member Sharon Shahnazarian who recently joined the Foundation as Stewardship Manager. Sharon will work on building programs to further involve Library donors and will be the lead contact on Library Foundation events, including Celebration Under the Dome.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

The project is currently at 60% design review stage. On March 25, 2019 Architect Hanna Gabriel Wells (HGW) conducted a meeting to discuss the Lot 26/ Lot 33 re-claimed water coordination meeting with the design team including the landscape architect, developer of lot 26, Library Department and AEP (Architectural Engineering & Parks) staff. The final walk – through of Lot 26, the Civic Use Space, will be scheduled in mid-April 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) and estimates one to two years to obtain SDRWQ approval.

Tierrasanta Library Expansion:

The contractor completed the work in the restrooms, the study and reading room. They continue to work on the reading patio, installing the glass door, landscaping and other associated components necessary to complete the project.

San Ysidro Branch Library:

Construction is progressing, scheduled to open this summer. Public Art is partially installed. Interior: painting and ceiling tiles work is progressing, HVAC system is will be energized soon, and flooring will start in the coming weeks. Exterior: Fine grading work has completed, curb and gutter installation to start in the coming weeks.

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

Budget: The Mayor's Budget will be released on April 12. Council budget hearings will begin the first week of May. The Library Budget Hearing is currently scheduled for May 1 at 9:00am. The budget does not eliminate any library hours.

Personnel: Shaun Briley, Manager of the La Jolla Branch Library, has been named the Director of the Coronado Public Library. Christine Gonzalez, Point Loma Branch Manager, will be filling in at La Jolla until we hire a replacement. We have reclassified the vacant Adult Programming/Special Events position from a Librarian IV to a Supervising librarian position and will be recruiting for this position very soon. The City Council approve a special salary adjustment for the librarian class. All librarians will receive a 10% increase in April 2020.

Programs/Partnerships: I am very excited to announce a commitment of \$250K per year for three years from the Hervey Family Fund for Library NExT. The Foundation secured the grant which will allow us to expand the offerings of this significant program. This funding is in addition to ongoing CDBG funding of \$250k per year.

I recently met with the San Diego City Clerk. Both SDPL and the City Clerk have substantial archives and we met to discuss how we can collaborate in the preservation and digitization of materials so that they can be accessible to the public.

I recently met with San Diego Continuing Education to discuss how to expand our partnership. SDCE already teaches several classes in libraries and they have many offerings in areas such as small business, fashion design and disability support. There are many opportunities for is to

collaborate for programs in IDEA Labs and the ICan Center among others.

Projects: The Mid-City IDEA Lab has been officially established as a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project. Initial CDBG funding of \$2 million for design will go to Council on April 22. The City Attorney is working on the donation of the land from Price Charities. Groundbreaking is estimated for 2020 with completion in 2022.

Policy Changes: As you know, we eliminated overdue fines last year. Unfortunately, we still found that many of our patrons were left without access to the library because of existing fines. After a report on fine elimination, Councilmember Cate asked us to investigate a way to reinstate access for patrons so I am happy to announce that we have purged all outstanding fines accrued prior to July 1, 2018. This will reinstate access for approximately 130K patrons. A press announcement was made at North Clairemont on April 9 and on KUSI on April 10.

Other: The East Village Association has scheduled a meeting at the Central Library with SDPD, SD County, SD City, East Village residents, homeless service providers, Nathan Fletcher and others to discuss security inside the Central Library. Kathleen Hallahan is the organizer and has explained that the goal of the meeting is to discuss how EVA can assist with increasing homeless/social services within the Central Library.

The new security contract went to Budget and Government Efficiency Committee this morning. If approved by Council, the new company will be Allstate Security Services.

AGENDA ITEMS

Library Next PowerPoint Presentation - Marta Brandes-Miesner

Library NExT (Network of Education x Training) is a series of workshops for middle and high school students on topics including robotics, circuits and 3D modeling. Initially started as a pilot program at six San Diego libraries in 2017, it expanded to 10 locations in 2018 with plans to be offered at more City of San Diego library locations. This San Diego Public Library program is a collaboration with UC San Diego Extension and Sally Ride Science.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 1:16 PM.



MISTY JONES
Library Director
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