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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Wendy Urushima-Conn, Katherine Nakamura, Linda Sotelo, Elizabeth Hansen, Ben Moraga

Absent: Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Marshall Anderson, Linda Sotelo

Staff: Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant; Bob Cronk, Deputy Director–Library; Ady Huertas, Vanessa Madrid, Brenda Monzon and Susan Salinas Ramos, Raul Gudiño – Library Staff

Public: Pat Wilson, SDPLF Board; Ann McDonald; Delane Pickel, President of Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library; Patrick Stewart, CEO of SDPLF

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Urushima-Conn at 1:32 PM in the Sullivan Commission Room. Their last meeting was on May 1, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 1, 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

I want to thank Delane Pickel, President of Scripps Ranch Friends of the Library, for representing the Friends of the San Diego Public Library at the Library Commission meeting and presenting our report.

FSDPL celebrates the success of this year's library advocacy efforts in partnership with the San Diego Public Library Foundation and Library Commission.

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 June 14-16.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library (FSDPL) is pleased to announce that three additional John McAllister Memorial Library Scholarships have been awarded. Claudia Apodaca, Library Assistant III at the San Ysidro Branch Library, who is enrolled in the MLIS program at San Jose State University; Hazel Joy Frigillana, YSL at the Mira Mesa Branch Library, enrolled in the MLIS program at San Jose State University; and Jimmy Lovett, Jr., Library Assistant III at the Malcolm X Branch Library, enrolled in the MLIS program at Florida State University, have each received \$500 awards. These are in addition to the two previously announced awards: to Bijan Nowroozian, Library Assistant III at the North Park Branch Library, who is working toward an MLIS from San Jose State University and received a \$1000 award; and to Karina Balinda, PH Branch Manager, who was awarded \$500 for attendance at a library-related conference and will use it to attend the CLA conference. A total of four educational scholarships and one scholarship for conference attendance were awarded this year.

FSDPL has donated a total of \$70,000 to Matching Funds during the current fiscal year; donations from the greater (corporate/umbrella) Friends' organization are designated to be used in the area(s) of greatest need. Additional substantial donations from Friends chapters to Matching Funds are directed to their respective branch libraries.

FSDPL is pleased to sponsor the Library's presence in the Pride Parade once again this year, and for the first time at the Pride Festival as well. This is coordinated through the Library's LGBTQIA Services Committee. This year the Foundation will join the Friends in sponsorship. Our joint support will be used for the fabrication of a new banner and for T-shirts for those marching in the parade and those volunteering at the Festival. The expectation is that additional T-shirts will be sold at the Festival to the public in collaboration with the Library Shop. The Friends will join the Library and Library Shop in staffing the "LitHub" during the Festival on Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14.

There will be no FSDPL meeting in July, due to the Pride Weekend events. The next monthly meeting of FSDPL is scheduled for Saturday, August 10.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Patrick Stewart, CEO San Diego Public Library Foundation

New CEO Patrick Stewart was introduced by Wendy to the Commission and attending guests. Patrick Stewart thanked the Commission and the Friends for the successful advocacy partnership resulting in the Library's budget inclusion in the City's FY20 budget proposal. G4 has begun the preliminary work on the Master Library Plan through funds allotted via CPPS.

Funding which was supported by 6 of the 9 Council offices. It also looks like money may be allocated for the larger Library Master Plan in the coming year.

In addition to himself, Patrick introduced incoming SDPLF Chair, Pat Wilson, and incoming Vice-Chair/Treasurer Steve Hermes (Steve was not in attendance). Reminded attendees that the Celebration Under the Dome is October 12, and that Host and Sponsorship opportunities were currently available. Wendy also reminded the attendees that the individual ticket price has been dropped to \$250. He extended gratitude to the Friends and additional donors in support of meeting the match for another consecutive year.

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 change order has been completed by Field Engineering. This project received an ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) 2019 Outstanding Project Award in architectural engineering category as well as an APWA 2019 (American Public Works Association) Honor award for structures \$6–\$25 Million. The ASCE award ceremony was conducted on April 26, 2019 and the APWA on May 16, 2019. On May 30, 2019 there will be an AIA (American Institute of Architecture) presentation of the library as a collaboration project between city and SDG&E for the savings by design program.

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

The architect and design team are currently working towards 90% design. On May 15, 2019 architect HGW, AEP and library staff met to discuss the lot 26 site to discuss Lot 26 Promenade coordination. There will be further meetings on this subject in coming months.

San Carlos Branch Library:

The architectural team had 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:

Work continue on the landscaping, reading patio, painting of the library and other associated components necessary to complete the project.

San Ysidro Library:

Building: The project had received, final sign-off from DSD for the following work: HVAC, Fire Alarm, Fire Sprinklers. Most of the furniture is installed. Anti-graffiti paint is being applied to the exterior walls. Site: Landscaping punch list walk has been completed. Permeable pavers are being installed, which will be followed by striping and signage.

b. Update from the Library Director –Bob Cronk

Budget: Final Council Adjustments to the FY20 Budget were made at Monday's (6/10) City Council Meeting. It is a \$1.6B General Fund Budget. These are budget increases to the Library's budget above and beyond the FY20 Proposed Budget released in April. The City Council unanimously supported budget adds from the Priority Memos which included:

- \$100k on-going budget for system-wide programming which brings the total to \$200k annually
- \$200k for one-time programming to be used for one-time uses (Computers DYH@L & Library Next)
- \$250k for a feasibility study for the Oak Park Branch Library

Total: \$550k

During the City Council meeting changes that took place in chambers, Council Members proposed other adjustments which included:

- \$200k on-time budget for Library Technology Updates
- \$500k towards expansion of the Ocean Beach Library (seed money to begin architectural design)

Additional Total: \$700k

Grand Total: \$1,250,000

During the same Council meeting, the prior item for discussion was the Current Fiscal Year 2019 - CIP Budget Monitoring Report, in which the Library proposed a request for \$5.6M to fully fund Pacific Highlands Ranch. There was an unidentified funding gap of \$4,175,761 + a books budget of \$1,425,000. The project shortfall fill of \$5.6M was calculated referencing the Public Facilities Financing Plan (PFFP) to determine the amounts from each fund, based on funding contribution percentages from the following community Facility Benefit Assessment Funds (developer fees): Del Mar Mesa, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Black Mountain Ranch, and Torrey Highlands. **Grand Total: \$5.6M** for PHR.

Personnel: Library Administration is continuing meetings with the Municipal Employees Association on staffing reallocations (part of audit recommendations). We have already started moving vacant positions.

Programs/Partnerships: We continue our partnership with the New York Times. Tonight is "Queer Love" here at Central 6:30 in Shiley.

PROGRAM - Queer Love, Conversations Across Generations

L.G.B.T.Q+ people often spend their formative years without mentors who can share their insights and provide guidance on what adult life looks like. What stories would we share across generations if we had them? In advance of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, Jamal Jordan, author/photographer of the 2018 article "Queer Love in Color," will explore, through photos, video and sound, the transformative conversations between L.G.B.T.Q+ youth and elders that will be part of The Times's special section for Pride month.

Projects: In an effort provide more social services onsite at Central Library, we are partnering with the Housing Commission and Family Health Centers to provide a temporary workspace for a team of social workers and/or homeless outreach workers prior to the opening of the Homeless Navigation Center. Outreach will be conducted to provide connections to the full array of services offered by FHC to unhoused patrons of Central Library including Healthcare for the Homeless, Medi-Cal and Cal-fresh registrations, and referrals to housing programs. This is an expansion of the current partnership with FHC featuring weekly tabling to connect with patrons in need and will facilitate a stronger relationship when the Homeless Navigation Center opens to allow for continued outreach and onsite presence.

In addition, communication with the East Village Association, The East Village Residents Group, The Library Foundation, SDPD, SD Housing Commission, and County Behavioral Health have focused attention on outreach efforts in Downtown San Diego, which includes the Central Library. We received notification this week that homeless outreach services provided by the County in our Mental Health Services office on the 3rd floor will be expanded from 3 days per week to a full 5 days per week of coverage.

Both teams will provide support not only to the Central Library patrons and staff, but to branch staff and patrons as well.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. LGBTQIA Library Services Committee Overview and upcoming events - Ady Huertas and Vanessa Madrid
San Diego Public Library's LGBTQIA Library Services Committee celebrates the diversity of the LGBTQIA community in a welcoming and inclusive library space that fosters connections to knowledge and each other.

June 12, 3:00 pm [Teen Movies & Munchies \(link is external\)](#)

June 12, 6:30pm [Queer Love: Conversations Across Generations \(link is external\)](#)

Jun 13, 3:00 pm [Nailed it! Teen DIY \(link is external\)](#)

Jun 15, 1:00 pm [Author Talk: Abdi Nazemian \(link is external\)](#)

Jun 15, 4:00 pm [Stonewall @ 50 and the History of LGBTQ Rights in America \(link is external\)](#)

- b. DYH@L Summer Camps - Brenda Monzon and Susan Salinas Ramos
The Do Your Homework @ the Library program is part of Mayor Faulconer's One San Diego plan to re-establish the City's libraries as centers for learning and civic engagement.

The program includes:

Free access to paid Coaches and caring volunteers who are available to help K-8 students with their homework assignments;

Free access to school supplies and materials; and

Free access to computers, online research tools, and other digital resources available at the library.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Reschedule July 3rd Commissioners meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on July 8, 2019 at 12:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 1:33 PM.



Robert Cronk
Deputy Director

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