

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, October 2, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

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

Absent: Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Elizabeth Hansen, Marshall Anderson

Staff: Bob Cronk, Deputy Director – Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant – Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing – SDPLF; Marta Brandes-Miesner – Library

Public:

Ann McDonald, Joan Reese – FSDPL

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 September 4, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 4, 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 corporate Friends' monthly book sale continues to do well due to a steady flow of incoming donations combined with the dedication and energy of our volunteers. We've upgraded our credit card capability which seems to have been a good investment. The next sale will be held in our book sale space on the lower level of the University Heights Branch Library the weekend of October 18-20.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library held a successful 41st Annual Meeting in September. Library Foundation CEO Patrick Stewart was our featured speaker, providing a way to introduce him to the Friends, which is important as the Foundation has become such a good collaborative partner. Library Director Misty Jones and Library Shop Manager Scott Ehrig-Burgess provided updates. Election of officers and directors was held. We have two new Board members: our new Treasurer, Andrea Gabel, a CPA with a local accounting firm who is passionate about libraries, and a new Director, Richard Busch, website developer and webmaster for the Scripps Ranch and Pacific Beach chapters and also for the greater Friends. Volunteers nominated by the chapters and from the greater Friends were recognized and received certificates and gifts. We appreciate the support of Misty Jones, Bob Cronk and library staff as well as that of Foundation staff, especially Charlie Goldberg.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing – SDPLF

Celebration Under the Dome is ten days away. The Foundation has met its Host Committee and Sponsor goals but will be relying on support from donors at the paddle raise to ensure the event's financial goals are met. Several Sponsors were unable to use their tickets allowing the Library Foundation to invite more Library staff to participate as guests of the Foundation.

Patrick Stewart has been having introductory meetings with City Councilmembers and with the Independent Budget Analyst. The meetings have gone well and Councilmembers have been receptive to discussions about revising the Library Master Plan. The Foundation will work to schedule cooperative meetings among the Foundation, Commission, Friends of the Library and Council for later this fall.

The Library Foundation submitted a CPPS grant application last week asking the Council to match Foundation funds to support phase one of the Library Master Plan process.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Report on Library Construction Projects

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

The architect and design team are currently working towards 90% design. On September 16, 2019 Architects HGW design team, library staff and AEP project management team met with Arts & Culture and the artist to discuss her preliminary art work ideas which was approved by the team. In early October 2019 these arts concepts will be disused with the Public Arts Committee board for further approval. The 90% design package will be ready for DSD

(Development Services Department) by late October 2019 for review and plan check process.

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:

The library had been scheduled to have a soft opening on September 30th. Some minor repair work such as replacing exist sign, exterior light and cleanup will continue.

- b. Update from the Library Director c/o Bob Cronk

Training Day

All Library branches will be closed on October 11, 2019 due to staff training and because it coincides with the October 12th Celebration Under the Dome event which is the Foundation's one major fundraiser for the year and requires a lot of set up.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. CREATE Kits – Marta Brandes-Miesner
DIY Creative Adult and Teen Programming for Librarians, Staff and Volunteers

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on November 3, 2019 at 12:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 12:57 PM.



ROBERT CRONK
Deputy Director, Library Department

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