

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

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

Absent: Elizabeth Hansen, Linda Sotelo, Ben Moraga

Staff: Misty Jones, Director – Library, Bob Cronk, Deputy Director – Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant – Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing – SDPLF; Ady Huertas – 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 October 2, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 2, 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 reasonably well in spite of a few challenges, including work to remedy a mysterious water leak which has caused some disruption in the work space. We are actively recruiting additional volunteers. The next sale will be held in our book sale space on the lower level of the University Heights Branch Library the weekend of November 15-17.

Our volunteer Executive Director Fran Pierce had a fall last week and is currently recuperating from a fractured pelvis. She is thus out of commission for the next few weeks. I am trying to keep up with all that she typically handles.

We are in the process of updating the bylaws under which our affiliate chapters operate. Chapters have been sent a revised bylaws template which they will be able to partially customize.

The next meeting of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library is scheduled for Saturday, November 10. Our webmaster and website developer Richard will be providing a presentation on the status of our FSDPL website and plans for upgrading it. The goal is to have a website that will serve our members, chapters and entire organization well.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing – SDPLF

Charlie said the Foundation is putting the finishing touches on the Celebration Under the Dome event. The Foundation met its goals with the event and is moving on to year-end fundraising. The Lily Lai Foundation has made a \$100,000 challenge grant the Foundation will use to encourage year-end gifts. The Foundation will also share Library success stories, like that of Oscar Acevedo, to encourage donations. Oscar used free Library programs to prepare him to pursue a computer science degree at UC San Diego. G4, the group that completed the Phase 0 portion of the Library Master Plan, will present their findings to the Library Commission at the December 4 meeting.

The Foundation is hoping all interested members of the public attend. The Library Foundation will join with the Friends of the Library and the Library Commission to host a reception prior to Mayor Faulconer's January 15 State of the City address. Charlie said Foundation is hoping to hold the reception at the Grant Grill, as in past years, and will send an invitation to the event once details are finalized. Wendy thanked the Friends for helping support the reception and asked Commissioners interested in supporting to make a donation to the Library Foundation. Charlie thanked Marshall Anderson and Elizabeth Hansen for joining the Library Foundation's Public Policy and Advocacy Committee and Elizabeth Fitzsimons for agreeing to serve on the Library Foundation's Governance Committee. Wendy mentioned that Elizabeth Hansen also had joined the Library Foundation's Board of Trustees.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

On October 8, 2019 the 90% design package was sent to citywide plan check as well as Development Services (DSD). In October 2019 Arts & Culture will discuss the arts concepts with the Public Arts Committee board for further approval.

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.

b. Update from the Library Director

Personnel: Municipal Employees Association filed a grievance in June regarding FT public service staff weekend shifts. We are working with Labor Relations to negotiate but should we not reach an agreement, we will go to Civil Service Commission on November 21.

Programs/Partnerships: Working Scholars– This is a new program offered through the State Library and SDPL was asked to be part of the pilot. Working Scholars offers a completely online bachelor's degree program. With LSTA funds, the State Library will be offering 20 scholarships statewide to COHS grads, 6 of which will be SDPL grads.

Projects:

Mid-City IDEA Lab - There are a couple of sticking points that we are negotiating with Price Charities but the project is still on track. We are hoping to get Council approval and CDBG funding for design in December or January.

Library Master Plan - Group 4 will attend the December 4 Commission meeting to discuss their findings and how we move forward with the plan.

Central Library - We are working with Public Works and Facilities on physical changes to the Central Library to enhance safety. The plan is to heighten barriers on the ninth, second and third floors and make appearance changes to the trellis.

Security: The new security contract is still going well. There has been an approximate 50% reduction in incidents at the Central Library. We are still working with the company to have consistency in staffing at Central and branches.

Other: Macmillan Publishing– I sent an email in October regarding an e-book embargo for libraries imposed by Macmillan Publishing. Many libraries throughout the nation are responding by boycotting the purchase of all e-books from Macmillan. We have not taken a stance yet but will be meeting to discuss what steps SDPL will take.

AGENDA ITEMS

a. Youth Candidate Forum – Ady Huertas

San Diego Public Library (SDPL) has been selected as a 2019 Honorable Mention for Youth

Candidate Forum in the Civic and Community Engagement category. SDPL's submission was selected from over 250 entries.

- b. Security Update - The new security contract is still going well. There has been an approximate 50% reduction in incidents at the Central Library. We are still working with the company to have consistency in staffing at Central and branches.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on December 4, 2019 at 12:30 PM in Mary Hollis Clark Conference Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 1:32 PM.



Misty Jones
Director, Library Department

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