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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

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

Absent: Ben Moraga Marshall Anderson

Staff: Misty Jones, Director – Library, Bob Cronk, Deputy Director – Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant – Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing, Patrick Steward, CEO, Andrea Moser – SDPLF, Supervising Librarians, Raul Gudino – Library, Tiffany Harrison, Office of CM Montgomery

Public:

Ann McDonald, Joan Reese, Steve Schmal – FSDPL, Carolyn Satte – Kensington Heights Library, Claudia Thompson – Oak Park Library

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Urushima-Conn at 12:33 PM in the Mary Hollis Clark Conference Center. Their last meeting was on November 6, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 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 corporate Friends' monthly book sale continues to do reasonably 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 December 20-22.

In order to keep up with incoming book donations, we've added a second donation box (a repurposed new book drop box) outside the University Heights Branch Library. The installation of our new chain-link gate was completed yesterday; this will provide improved security for the space. Both of these projects have been in the works for several months and depended on collaboration with Library and City staff; we're pleased that they have been successfully completed.

Our volunteer Executive Director Fran Pierce is recuperating from a fractured pelvis and is healing nicely. However, she is out of commission for the next few weeks, and I am continuing to attempt to keep up with all that she typically handles.

We are sad to report the death of our longtime Director, Marian Day. It is very fitting that her family has chosen to hold her memorial service in the Community Room at the new Mission Hills-Hillcrest/ Knox Library this Friday, December 6, 12:00-1:30 pm. Marian was a retired school librarian and teacher. In addition to serving on the boards of the Mission Hills Friends' chapter and the greater/corporate Friends, Marian was also an essential part of the Student Essay Contest leadership for many years, working quietly behind the scenes. Marian was a lovely, gracious person who truly believed in the mission of the library and of the Friends and is sorely missed.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library (FSDPL) board will meet on Saturday, December 14. The next combined meeting of the FSDPL board with the Friends' chapter presidents is scheduled for Saturday, January 11, 2020.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Patrick Stewart, CEO – SDPLF

Join the San Diego Public Library Foundation, Friends of the San Diego Public Library and the Library Commission for a reception at the US Grant Hotel's Grill on January 15, 2020, Wednesday at 4:30 PM before the State of the City Address.

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

4% budget cut for the coming Fiscal Year

Recent publicity regarding the Library and to continue working on making the Library a better and safer place for everyone.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Library Master Plan- G4 presented their findings and how to move forward with the plan.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on February 4, 2020 at 12:30 PM in the Commission Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 2:13 PM.



Misty Jones
Director, Library Department

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