

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, February 5, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

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

Absent: Elizabeth Hansen

Staff: Misty Jones, Director – Library, Bob Cronk, Deputy Director – Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant – Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing – SDPLF, Kristin Tillquist, Chief of Innovation & Engagement, – Library, Destiny Rivera, Library Assistant III – Library

Public:

Joan Reese – FSDPL

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Urushima-Conn at 12:35 PM in the Sullivan Commission Room. Their last meeting was on December 5, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 5, 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 acceptably 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 February 14-16.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library has been engaged in library advocacy work, including co-sponsorship of the biggest yet pre-State of the City reception in collaboration with the Foundation. One of our Directors, who also serves on the Foundation's Advocacy and Public Policy Committee, attended the City Council meeting on Monday afternoon on short notice and spoke on behalf of our library agenda. We were pleased to see that the full Council adopted the FY2021 City Council Budget Priorities, which were supportive of library funding.

The Friends of the San Diego Public Library (FSDPL) is currently accepting applications for the John McAllister Memorial Library Scholarships (the application period has been open since mid-January). This opportunity is available to all full- and part-time library staff. A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a staff member enrolled in a college Certificate Program or a Degree Program (Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's) in Library Science, Information Management, or a related field. A \$500 award is offered to a staff member to attend a library-related conference. The deadline is March 6. I'd like to thank Bob Cronk for his assistance once again in getting the word out to staff via email and the library intranet. The announcement is also posted on the FSDPL website, <https://www.friendsofsdpl.org> along with a link to application. Last year FSDPL provided academic scholarships to 4 staff members plus one scholarship for conference attendance.

In addition, FSDPL will provide scholarships to two active Friends members to attend the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago in June.

The FSDPL board had a half-day meeting in December which allowed more in-depth discussion of some changes under consideration. The January meeting of the combined FSDPL board and Presidents Advisory Council was followed by a New Year's luncheon, which provided additional opportunities for board members and chapter presidents/representatives to share ideas and information.

The next FSDPL meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 8.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Patrick Stewart, CEO – SDPLF

Patrick thanked everyone for their support on the Dec. 4th meeting. The G4 Master Plan presentation can be viewed in the Foundation website, all Master Plan conversations will be public. The Foundation will keep everyone up to date as soon they get more information on the next phase of the Master Plan.

The January 15th State of the City Address pre-reception had the largest number of attendees so far.

Patrick thanked everyone who attended the Council meeting on Feb. 3rd.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Report on Library Construction Projects

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

On January 10, 2020 the 90% design package was sent to Development Services (DSD) for Plan check review which may be delayed due to development services recent office relocation. On January 31, 2020 Commission for Arts & Culture and the artist presented the updated artwork concepts to the architect, library team and project management team. Design team, library dept. and the architect also met with the library foundation to discuss overall design as well as the donor wall design concept. Further meetings will be scheduled in months to follow.

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:

Raul Gudiño was promoted to Program Manager/Fiscal and Administrative Manager on January 13, 2020.

Programs/Partnerships:

For the third year, we are partnering with USD Copley Library on a Black History/Women's History program. This year we will be having a panel discussion at Central on Feb 20 and Michelle Norris will be speaking at USD on February 24.

The Student EXCEL Card. This initiative is made possible through a partnership with the San Diego Unified School District to get all students in the district access to library resources. We are currently distributing these cards to 5 pilot schools in the Valencia Park/Malcolm X and Oak Park service areas. Students will begin receiving these cards this **Thursday, February 6th**. SDPL and the Library Foundation have established a partnership with the Robert Frost Society and we will now be the new home for the society. This includes programming opportunities and potential additions for Special Collections.

Projects:

Mid-City IDEA Lab- Council approved \$2 million in CDBG funds for design on February 3. We are still working on the donative agreement but will begin the preliminary engineering process soon.

Central Library- The railing on the ninth floor has been installed as well as the barrier to prevent access to the ledge behind the commission room. Facilities will begin installing the barrier on second and third floors in the next couple of weeks.

Other:

The curfew for the park beside the PB Library will be included in Park and Recreation's action to Council. This has not been docketed yet.

The LGBTQIA Library Services Committee is coordinating our first SDPL Pride Library Card Contest! People will be able to submit their 2020 Pride library card design to enter the contest. Submissions will be accepted until **March 4th** and can be submitted at any of our libraries or through our library website.

A grant was approved for San Diego Public Library's Shared Vision/Bringing the Library to You grant project, Library NExT: Out of School Time STEAM and Workforce Programs.

An Annual Report will be coming out on April/May 2020.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Budget – 4% budget cut. EBR is on Feb. 12, 2020
- b. Youth Candidate Forum (Kristin Tillquist) – will be held on Feb. 5 and 6, 2020 at the Neil Morgan Auditorium
- c. Seed Library (Destiny Rivera) – A seed library is an establishment which lends and shares seeds. It is an educational tool equipped with robust programming, workshops and community events.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.



Misty Jones
Director, Library Department

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