

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Wendy Urushima-Conn, Cindy Marten, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Elizabeth Hansen, Ben Moraga, Linda Sotelo

Absent: Marshall Anderson

Staff: Misty Jones, Director – Library, Sheila Burnett, Deputy Director – Library; Bob Cronk, Deputy Director – Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant – Library; William Curtis, Program Manager – Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing – SDPLF

Public:

Ann McDonald – FSDPL; Patrick Stewart, CEO – SDPLF; Allison Woodworth

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Urushima-Conn at 12:32 pm via Zoom. Their last meeting was on November 4, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 4, 2020 minutes was approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Allison Woodworth - Hi, I had just tuned into this meeting when ya'll started talking about the Annex in City Heights Library and hosting a nonprofit or sorts there. I LOVE the idea of a broadcast studio!!! Would love the library to help host a community podcast series! Have libraries been thinking of hosting more Bike Repair workshops or lending out bike repair tools? I really love that this is posted on Youtube live because I've never been able to make meetings before during work. Really appreciate that this is now more accessible! Thank you, ya'll for everything you're doing for the citizens in this county.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Ann McDonald for Joan Reese
President, Friends of the San Diego Public Library

Online book sales are bringing in some income while all in-person book sales and used bookstores operated by Friends groups have been on hold since mid-March.

An ongoing concern is keeping our chapter boards and members engaged while our Friends' leaders and volunteers are unable to access the libraries they work to support. FSDPL is working with chapters on strategies to recruit and retain members and board members during these challenging times.

FSDPL will host a presentation on the Library Master Plan for our board and chapter leaders at our January meeting, marking the beginning of the community engagement process.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Patrick Stewart, CEO – SDPLF

As you all know, we brought in Mixte (Digital Communications & Public Relations) to assist the Foundation to be able to spread not only the good work of the Foundation but also of the Library overall.

December 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM Event – The San Diego Public Library Foundation's Board of Trustees invites you to join City Librarian Misty Jones and Library Foundation CEO Patrick Stewart for their reflections on how the Library and Library Foundation are working to meet growing community needs, and their vision for the coming year. Questions will be encouraged in this online discussion! And, we will ask for your help in a group activity to make origami cranes for the Library's Cranes for Peace project.

This program will be a celebration of the Library's and Library Foundation's impact during a challenging year. We invite all Library supporters to join us virtually with a celebratory drink of your choice as we ring in a new year! Invites will be sent out.

An invite will also be sent out for the State of the City Address for a watch party. Postcards will be included in the invite just like we did last year.

Community Survey for the Master Plan – We are developing a comprehensive distribution plan delivering the community plan as widely and broadly into the community as we possibly can. The Foundation will meet with G4 again on December 17, 2020. More details to come.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Report on Library Construction Projects

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library

In the month of December, E&CP Contracts Team has finalized the Specifications and contract document. Contract Specialist has been assigned. Advertising and bidding process are estimated to initiate in December 2020.

- b. Update from the Library Director

Purple Tier didn't affect the Library operations since we're operating at 25% capacity. We're continuing to be very deliberate and very methodical in any addition to services and any other additional locations. The CDC released some new guidance and we have reduced the quarantine time for books to 24 hours.

Linda Vista's outdoor lab will open on Monday and that's part of the digital equity initiative that the City is doing. In addition to the outdoor labs, the City of purchasing 500 Wi-Fi hotspots for the library to lend in about 17 different library locations that are low to moderate income. Hopefully, we start lending those in January 2021.

City Heights Performance Annex – we're working on revamping the annex to have a broadcast studio for the community. Along with that, we also want to do a revamping of the theater. We have been working with Jonathan Glus, Executive Director of Arts and Culture and Price Charities to reactivate the space. A business plan is in the works for present to Price Charities.

Mid-City IDEA Lab – The Boulevard (BIA for the City Heights area) contacted the library and formed their own committee and invited Misty (Library), Patrick (Foundation) and Ed Abeyta (UCSD) to see how they can keep this moving and make it happen. Price's more open to building the structure if they can get someone to operate it.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Balanced Scorecard – Misty shared a Working Draft PowerPoint Presentation to the Board of Commissioners to be presented to the City's Executive Team

Citywide initiative, part of an operational framework. The Operational Framework helps leaders across the City to collect, organize, and leverage the massive amounts of data and information gathered to guide daily operations.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on January 6, 2021 at 12:30 PM via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 1:21 PM.



Misty Jones
Director, Library Department

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