

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, June 2, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Wendy Urushima-Conn, Elizabeth Hansen, Ben Moraga, Elizabeth Fitzsimons

Absent: Marshall Anderson, Linda Sotelo

Staff: Misty Jones, Director – Library, Raul Gudiño, Deputy Director – Library; Bob Cronk, Deputy Director – Library; Tricia Nool, Executive Assistant – Library; William Curtis, Program Manager – Library; Oscar Gittemeier, Program Manager – Library; Charlie Goldberg, Director of Marketing – SDPLF, Carson Block – Group 4 Architecture, Jill Eyres – Group 4 Architecture

Public:

Joan Reese, Ann McDonald – FSDPL; Patrick Stewart, CEO – SDPLF, Jean Linder, Elida Chavez, Eden Yeage, Claudia, Katie Basco, Laura Dennison, Judith Swink, Isabel Schechter

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Urushima-Conn at 12:31 pm via Zoom. Their last meeting was on May 5, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 5, 2021 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

FSDPL and our network of Friends have participated in library budget related advocacy in a variety of ways, including testifying at last month's City Council budget hearings. Most recently, in collaboration with representatives from the SDPL Foundation and Library Commission, we have taken part in individual meetings with councilmembers and their staff; these meetings continue.

A number of Friends' chapters have held outdoor book sales, which have been gaining traction. These have been quite popular among customers and have energized and engaged volunteers. As reported last month, one chapter has reopened its used bookstore on a limited basis, and a second chapter is also about to do so. The "greater" FSDPL is planning an inaugural outdoor book sale as well, which will be on a much smaller scale than the traditional 3-day indoor sale due to space and logistical issues. Online book sales continue to bring in some income for the "greater" FSDPL and several of our chapters.

FSDPL does not have much else to report this month. Our board will meet this Saturday, and the combined meeting of our board with the chapter presidents will take place the following week. These meetings will of course be held virtually.

We are looking forward to hearing the preliminary Phase 1 report for the new Library Master Plan.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:

Patrick Stewart, CEO – SDPLF

Patrick Stewart reiterated Joan's comments about the Library budget and thanked the Friends, the Council, and other Library advocates in the LibrariesTransformSD coalition for their help in earning the return of the Library budget in the Mayor's May Revise. He also thanked everyone who participated in the community survey portion of the Library Master Plan process.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Report on Library Construction Projects

The Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

The project's bid due date was on 4/8/21, and the City is currently in process of formally awarding the project to the lowest most responsible bidder. The current bid awarding process is with the City E&CP Contracting Division.

The Scripps Miramar Ranch Library Parking Lot Expansion:

The project is in its 100% Design Phase, and currently is with the DSD's plan check review, for the building permit issuance and environmental review and approval.

b. Update from the Library Director

Budget Update - The budget was restored to the library. We are working on our reopening plan in conjunction with the staffing adds. We have a lot of work to do this year. We will be changing over the hourly positions and to benefitted positions. So, we have about 175 people to hire this year. It's a big going to be a big task for us. But in the meantime, we're working on getting all locations reopened as quickly as we can with even minimal hours and trying to make that happen. We have a meeting with our Represented Employee Organization tomorrow to start discussing that. We made some changes letting people pick up their own holds and eliminating the quarantine time, but we want to get back to where people can actually be in the building and browse and so that's the next step for us.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Library Master Plan – Presentation by Jill Eyres and Carson Block (Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc.)
<https://supportmylibrary.org/master-plan/>

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Board of Library Commissioners meeting will take place on July 7, 2021 at 12:30 PM via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wendy Urushima-Conn adjourned the meeting at 1:59 PM.



Misty Jones
Director, Library Department

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