



City of Santa Barbara
Public Library

LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 28, 2014 held at the Central Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Eric Friedman; Jonathan Glasoe; Milt Hess; Susette Naylor; Christine Roberts;
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Irene Macias, Library Director; Scott Love, Library Services Manager, Maria Gordon, Executive Assistant
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was brought to order in the Faulkner Gallery at 12:04 p.m. on January 28, 2014.
CHANGES TO AGENDA:	None
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	Minutes of November 26, 2013 were approved.
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	The next meeting will be on February 25, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in the Faulkner Gallery West at the Central Library, 40 East Anapamu Street.

Old Business

1. Library Plaza Project Update

Irene Macias reported that the Project had gone before the Street Tree Advisory Committee on January 16th. The committee endorsed the Project with a request for taller vegetation along the Museum's Easterly wall, and forwarded their comments to the Parks & Recreation (P&R) Committee. The P&R Committee also supported the Project, and agreed with the request at their hearing on January 22nd. Susette Naylor requested that the Library find, frame and preserve the original watercolor drawing of the Faulkner Gallery door which had been stored among a collection of old Library plans. Board members commented favorably on the architect, Regula Campbell's presentation. Susette reported that the Santa Barbara Conservancy had also expressed enthusiasm for the plan at their meeting [also on January 22nd]. The Board discussed next steps for the plan.

Irene Macias reported that the City Council on January 25th approved \$100,000 towards the final design process. The Project goes before HLC on February 12th. The Library was to mount a display of and information about the Project in the lobby, also providing an opportunity for public comment. The Board discussed the possibility of a future opportunity to inform the public and the planning process. Eric Friedman requested clarification of the remaining steps in the process, particularly any that would follow HLC approval. The Board

further discussed the planning process and elements of the plan. Milt Hess suggested and the Board requested a summary of the points in discussion with the Museum.

2. Children's Library Project Update

Irene Macias informed the Board that the Library is working with Mike Wiltshire the newly designated Project Manager from the City Public Works Department. Work continues on the contract for final design with the possibility of requesting approval to move to final design from the City Council on March 4th. Cost of final design including cost of City staff and management was expected to be close to \$290,000. The possibility of fundraising was briefly discussed. Irene Macias reported that the Council voted to approve \$500,000 bringing funds to a total of \$2.6 million towards a total of \$3.6 million for construction. The Campaign goal of \$5.6 million includes \$1 million toward an endowment.

3. Budget Update

Irene Macias reported that there had been no significant variances in the Library's General Fund Budget. The Library was approaching the second year of a two year budget process, developing the performance measures for the second year. Some minor budget adjustment measures may be needed: In June 2013, the County had restored a 15% cut to per capita funding, which it was assumed could be continued into the next [July 2014 - June 2015] financial year; ending of the holds fee from July 1st would result in revenue reduction of about \$30,000. However, this will be offset by application this year and then the following year of 50% of savings at Black Gold accrued because the Library did not reduce its payment of charges and access reserves when permitted during recession years. Irene Macias answered questions about holds. Staffing costs to determine when holds were not picked up would be too high to justify levying a charge for uncollected holds.

New Business

4. Director's Report

Library Logo: Irene Macias reported that Library Management had been working with Homegrown Graphics. Copies of the new logo design were distributed.

Black Gold (BG): Irene Macias informed the Board of further developments regarding the challenge by a BG member to a recent BG administrative measure, and distributed copies of the opinion letter from the [California] Attorney General: The opinion viewed the measure as action the BG administration was not authorized to take. However, the Acting State Librarian attended the most recent BG meeting, and explained that the enabling legislation with which the administrative measure was found to be in conflict did not encompass the BG shared catalogue. Therefore the catalogue could be bifurcated from the budget, and would include a shared automated service with participation conditional on actions that would include that designated by the original, disallowed measure.

Patron Complaint: Irene Macias reported that a lady had complained that she had on several visits seen pornography being viewed on public computers. Despite a full response by the Library Manager, the patron had taken her complaint to the City Council. Copies of Irene Macias' response to the Council were distributed, and she outlined the Library's dilemma involving First Amendment protections and inappropriateness of pornography in a public setting. The Board discussed the issues arising.

California Public Library Advocates (CPLA) Annual Workshop: Board members could contact Irene Macias for details if they were interested in attending the next CPLA Workshop on March 1st, 9am – 1pm at Huntington Beach Library, featuring a the President of the California Library Association President speaking on “synergistic advocacy” [<http://www.cpladvocates.org/workshops/>].

5. Calendar for 2014

The Board agreed to take off July 22nd and to make the meeting and tour held annually at the Eastside Library in March.

Board/Staff Communications

None

Future Agenda Items

Confidentiality [Privacy Policy]

Next Regular Meeting: Central Library, Faulkner Gallery West. Tuesday, February 25, 2013, 12 p.m. (Scott Love to represent the Library at this meeting due to Irene Macias' attendance at the Public Library Director's Forum, February 25th and 26th.)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Gordon.