



Santa Barbara Public Library System

LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2015 held at the Eastside Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jonathan Glasoe; Milt Hess; Christine Roberts
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Susette Naylor
COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Irene Macias, Library Director; Maria Gordon, Executive Assistant
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was brought to order in Council Chambers at 12 noon on May 26, 2015.
CHANGES TO AGENDA:	None
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	Minutes of April 27, 2015 were approved with one change.
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Christine Roberts will miss August meeting.

Old Business

1. Library Plaza Project

Irene Macias introduced the architects, Doug and Regula Campbell, and informed the Board that they had provided responses to the Historic Landmarks Commission on May 20th. The Campbells gave Board Members an update on the Project using a PowerPoint presentation covering elements such as history, community input, creation of a safe environment, efficient maintenance, sustainability, accessibility, trees, path and sight lines and potential increased use of the space by community and tourists. The Campbells also expressed their willingness to help raise funds for the Project. Irene Macias confirmed for Christine Roberts that the former, decorative main door would not be open, and that as yet no funding plan existed. She also outlined how phase one of construction would add a ramp at the south entrance; she had placed this aspect of the project on the City's two year Capital Improvement Program, but no City funding had yet been identified as a result. She also noted that it may be possible to allocate some of the Library's bequest monies to the first phase; improvements made by the Museum would include elements that align with the Plaza plan; the Project could be taken up by the Library Foundation; requests for City funding would continue to be made. In response to Milt Hess, Doug Campbell replied to Milt Hess that phase one would cost about \$300,000 - \$400,000. The Campbells let the Board know that City staff had been very helpful, and recommended constructing a model to encourage the contribution of funds. The Board thanked the architects for their presentation.

[Dropbox link to presentation: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/i879cl2xetfshwe/LIB%20052615.pdf?dl=0>]

2. Children's Library Project Update

Irene Macias reported that the project was on schedule: carpet installation was set for the week of June 8, and shelving the week of June 15 followed by book relocation with the help of Rotary Club volunteers. Four to six weeks of construction was anticipated on the main floor, leading to one or more days of closure.

3. Budget Update

Irene Macias reported that the City Council would hold a special budget hearing and deliberations 2pm on June 1. Macias responded to Milt Hess that only a preference of some Council members to increase reserves to policy level before allowing enhancements such as the restoration of an additional Children’s Librarian position had arisen as a general issue. Macias reported that the County Board of Supervisors hearings were to be held June 10 – 12, bringing the possibility of an increase in per capita funding.

4. Library Director’s Report

Irene Macias reported that the **Summer Reading Program** would run June 9 – July 31st, kids’ theme ‘Every Hero Has a Story’ and for teens, ‘Escape the Ordinary.’ It looked certain that the **Buellton Library** would move out of the Lompoc Public Library system to become part of the Santa Barbara Public Library System, the related zone change to be decided by the Board of Supervisors on June 2; the property lease was under review by the City’s Attorney’s Office. Macias responded to Milt Hess: a) about impacts on staff that Buellton and Solvang were two libraries in the same jurisdiction, where the Solvang Branch Supervisor would split her time 50% between the two Libraries, which would have complementary hours; staff would be hired for the Buellton Library, staff becoming interchangeable between the two Libraries; b) that per capita contribution would increase only slightly, the County would cover staffing and branch costs, and the City of Buellton contributes \$95,000 to Library operations. Macias reported that Jessica Cadiente, Lompoc Library Director, would take up her position as the **new Library Services Manager** on June 15.

5. Promulgation of Rules by Library Director

Irene Macias highlighted the authority granted by the newly amended ordinance for enforcement of site specific rules through “forcible removal, citation or arrest” for refusal to comply. Three suggested new regulations – no smoking and no shopping carts on Library grounds, and no loitering near the entrances – were under review by the City Attorney’s Office. Macias responded to Christine Roberts that the Library would continue to have Building Monitors; police would have the power of enforcement; time of enforcement at both Libraries was governed by present ordinance barring people from the property between 10pm – 6pm; no motion needed. In response to a question from Milt Hess [*raised after Board Staff Communications*], Irene Macias answered that a time frame depended on the Attorney’s response; during a transition period to full enforcement, the Building Monitors would be in conversation with any offenders; and that notices may be posted. Brief discussion followed about smoking restrictions already enforced at the Courthouse, complaints about smoking at the Library and the aim to create safe and comfortable grounds.

Board /Staff Communications

Jonathan Glasoe announced that he had resigned his position as the Children’s Library Campaign Manager, now raising funds for Mayor Helene Schneider. [*Discussed after Future Agenda Items*] An application had come in for the vacant Board member position – application from Will Tomlinson, known to Christine Roberts.

Future Agenda Items

Library mission statement review; report in six months on progress on Youth Services literacy research.

Next Meeting: 12 noon, Tuesday, June 23, Faulkner Gallery West, Santa Barbara Public Library.
Meeting adjourned at 12: 57pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Gordon.