



Santa Barbara Public Library System

LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 25, 2015

Faulkner Gallery West, Central Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jonathan Glasoe; Milt Hess; Susette Naylor; Will Tomlinson
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Christine Roberts
COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Irene Macias, Library Director; Jessica Cadiente, Library Services Manager; Maria Gordon, Executive Assistant
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was brought to order at 12 noon on August 25, 2015 at Faulkner Gallery West, Central Library.
CHANGES TO AGENDA:	None
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	Minutes of June 23, 2015 were approved with revision to show correct location of call to order.
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	None

Old Business

1. Library Plaza Project

Library Director, Irene Macias reported that the Project was expected to return to the Historic Landmarks Commission. Final approval granted on previous submission had included conditions, which were to be reviewed on September 23 as consent items. Macias explained that the first phase of the Project would move forward with funding from gift funds; ADA improvements to the south entrance ramp and path of travel would be simultaneous with installation of the [Santa Barbara Museum of Art] transformer. Discussion followed about project funding and fundraising. Macias reported that the architect would move forward with construction documentation; due to installation of transformer on City property, an agreement would be drawn up between Museum and the City.

2. Children's Library Project Update

Macias informed the Board that the new Children's Library was running well and that the Champagne reception had been a success. In addition, changes to the main floor were almost complete with improvements to the [Anapamu St.] side of main floor planned for completion by June 2016. Macias responded to Glasoe that the mural of some value in the former Children's Library would be expensive to remove.

3. Budget Update

Macias reported that the County had increased its per capita allocation by one dollar, creating an additional funding total of approximately \$90,000, allocation to be decided.

4. Library Mission Statement Review & 5.

Key ideas included: literacy, innovative use of technology; expanded scope of resources offered; inviting space for community activities and gathering; access to technology; safe, clean, comfortable space for patrons (MH); mission statement to inspire; free and open access to information in order to actively empower individuals to be actively engaged in their environment and town (SN); members discussed the degree to which the mission statement could describe vision and/or function, and possible engagement of Foundation, Friends and wider community in reviewing the mission statement; this would form part of community stakeholder input into a strategic review of the statement to be completed by Library staff. Macias reported that the absence on long term family leave by the Library Services Manager for branches would delay the strategic review process. Hess suggested that ideas in his paper might prove appealing to incorporate, e.g., Library as “public square,” and Library as curator and provider of City generated materials. Macias described ways in which the Library currently plays this role, and noted advocacy by the Library for a new Library branch in the City.

6. Library Director’s Report

Macias reported **Summer Reading Program (SRP)** numbers; those from Central had continued to increase despite construction disruptions; Eastside teen volunteers and incentives had helped prompt high achievement by younger readers. A subcommittee of the **County Library Advisory Committee** had been meeting to review funding for libraries; a public meeting of the committee was scheduled for September 16. The Advisory Committee’s decisions could affect library funding. **Children’s Librarian interviews** were scheduled for the following week.

7. Proposed Rules of Conduct

Macias reported on how the Rules of Conduct had been revised to take into account guidance from the City Attorney’s office and general City procedures, e.g., on shopping carts and sleeping. Board members briefly discussed wording. **A motion to accept the Rules of Conduct passed unanimously.** Macias reported active engagement by Jessica Cadiente in enlisting police assistance in enforcement of the Rules outside the Library.

Board /Staff Communications

None.

Future Agenda Items

Foster Children Library Card Policy - Meeting with County staff and Concerned Citizens; report in November on progress on Youth Services literacy research.

Next Meeting: 12pm, 10/27, same venue.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Maria Gordon.