

Santa Barbara Public Library System
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 25, 2012 held at the Central Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Friedman; Catherine Radecki-Bush; Jon Glasoe

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dianne Duva

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Irene Macias, Library Director, Scott Love, Library Services Manager, Margaret Esther, Library Services Manager, and Janice Pegram, Capital Campaign Manager

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the West Faulkner Gallery at 12:00 p.m. on September 25, 2012.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Subject to lack of quorum, approval of August 28, 2012 minutes deferred to next regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular meeting will be October 23, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Faulkner Gallery.

Old Business

Library Plaza Project

Library Director Irene Macias stated that although this project has been postponed indefinitely due to lack of funding, the Library continues to seek funding for this project. Board Chair Eric Friedman requested that this item be placed under the Library Director's Report from this point forward, and if the status changes in the future, it be placed back onto the Agenda as a standing item.

Children's Library Project

Irene informed the Board that on September 18th, 2012 the City Council approved a consultant contract to hire Whaley-LeVay to continue with the work they have done in directing the Capital Campaign. The Friends of the Library had provided funding to assist in launching the campaign, but those monies and grants have been exhausted. From this point forward the consultant will be paid with the Peggy Maximus grant monies.

Budget

Irene stated that there are no updates to this item.

Eric stated that the Board will consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the Historic Landmark Commission's (HLC) designation of the Central Library, the Faulkner Gallery, and all thirteen eucalyptus trees at 40 East Anapamu Street.

Irene welcomed and introduced Jaime Limon, Senior Planner and Design Review and Historic Preservation's Supervisor and Nicole Hernandez, Urban Historian. Irene stated that last month Eric gave public comment at the HLC's meeting where the Commission recommended to the City Council that the Faulkner Gallery, the Central Library, and thirteen of the lemon-scented gum eucalyptus trees be designated as historic landmarks. Irene stated that the HLC voted unanimously for all three of the aforementioned items to go forward with landmark designation, and the meeting with the City Council is scheduled for October 23, 2012.

Board Member Catherine Radecki-Bush inquired about the implications if the historical landmark designations for these items are approved and requested confirmation that the Library Plaza is not being considered for landmark designation. Nicole confirmed that the Library Plaza is not being considered for landmark designation as the criterion they reviewed was whether the space conveyed historical significance. Jaime provided information regarding the historical landmark process and stated that HLC gives more significance to these resources by designating them as landmarks. He informed the Board that as historic landmarks, the Parks and Recreation Commission will be the ultimate reviewer of the historic and specimen trees.

Jaime stated that the recommendation from the HLC regarding the landmark designations will be presented to City Council in two separate resolutions for consideration – one for the Faulkner Gallery and Central Library building, and one for the thirteen eucalyptus trees. Council will have the opportunity to review and make a determination on the items separately.

Eric requested confirmation that the entire Central Library building has been recommended to attain historic landmark status and inquired whether the thirteen eucalyptus trees are the only trees that are being considered for historic landmark status, or whether any other trees in the relevant area are either being considered for or maintain historic landmark status. Jaime affirmed that the entire Library building is being recommended for historic landmark designation and that no trees other than the thirteen eucalyptus trees are being considered for historic landmark designation at this time.

Irene stated that she and Nancy Rapp, the Parks and Recreation Director, submitted memorandums to the HLC outlining specific concerns regarding the proposed designation of the Corymbia trees. Although there is currently no funding for the library plaza project she indicated that during the public workshops strong feelings were expressed about balancing the value of the trees with a design that meets the Library's and the public's best interests. She felt that the discussion should take place in conjunction with the proposed project.

Board Member Jon Glasoe moved that the Library Board support the HLC recommendation to designate the Library building as a historic landmark. Catherine Radecki-Bush seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jon Glasoe moved that the Library Board oppose the HLC recommendation to designate the thirteen eucalyptus trees as historic landmarks. Catherine Radecki-Bush seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

Library Director's Report

Library Services Manager Margaret Esther introduced herself to the Board and summarized her background and experience.

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Irene announced that the Santa Barbara Public Library received a 2012 National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for \$50,000.00. She stated that it is a planning grant, and there is a potential for three more years of funding. She indicated that to encourage early learning, the Library is partnering with the Museum of Art to plan, pilot and evaluate the potential for full implementation of a new program called the Siblings Project. It promotes grade level reading skills in children 8 years old or younger by recruiting, training, and encouraging older siblings to read with younger members of families. This will leverage a segment of families that to date has not been broadly targeted as an ally in encouraging early literacy. The Santa Barbara Public Library is one of only five libraries in CA that received the grant. She commended Adult Literacy Coordinator Beverly Schwartzberg for her efforts in writing and applying for the grant.

Irene announced that the Library also received a 2012 Community Grant for the Allergan Foundation for \$4,000.00 to support Santa Barbara Reads.

Irene stated that the Library is hosting the Women's Fund Site Visit on October 2. She reminded the board that the Women's Fund donated \$65,000.00 to the Library for the purchase of AWE stations, and indicated that the stations are extremely popular and will be showcased during the site visit.

Irene stated that the City Council approved the Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System in the amount of \$1,307,567.00. She reported that three Library Directors (Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria) held a meeting on September 12th with Herman Parker, Community Services Director to discuss future funding of public libraries in the County. She stated that they will be meeting on a monthly basis for this purpose. The Board discussed future funding issues and possible changes.

Irene updated the Board on the Bibliotheca contract. She stated that we have a proposal from the company for a solution to the credit card security standards issue. Library Services Manager Scott Love stated that the Library is reviewing the proposal and that the implementation can occur relatively quickly following approval. Scott provided information and details on the proposed payment system adjustments and the Board discussed this matter.

Irene reported that the Library has drafted a formal policy that provides a mechanism to prevent repeated violations to the Library's Rules of Conduct or serious inappropriate behavior on behalf of patrons. The document will be submitted to the Board for review at the next meeting. Member of the public Amy Walker inquired on the process for obtaining a copy of the policy and the Board and staff provided her with agenda posting and associated documentation availability information.

Irene announced that OverDrive, the vendor that provides the Library's downloadable and audio e-books, now allows people to make suggestions to purchase a title if they do not want to wait on a long waiting list. The Board discussed the advantages of this capability and other details.

Library Services Manager Scott Love reported that the Library received a donation of a large collection of 'B' DVD movies from a patron. He stated that the Library will make the movies available to the public and hopes the movies will generate activity and interest from the community.

Irene announced that the Library recently introduced Disney digital downloadable interactive e-books. Scott Love provided details regarding the products.

Irene inquired if the Board is interested in receiving a presentation on any other Library services or issues. Jon requested information on the Black Gold Cooperative Library System.

Irene announced that long-term staff person Joseph Avila in the Patron Services department retired after 15

years of service to the Library.

Announcements

Catherine Radecki-Bush announced that her Board Member term will be up in December of 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rima Villarreal.