



**City of Santa Barbara
Public Library**

LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 24, 2013 held at the Central Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Eric Friedman; Susette Naylor; Christine Roberts; Diane Duva; Jonathan Glasoe
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 12:06 p.m. on September 24, 2013.
CHANGES TO AGENDA:	None
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	Minutes of August 27, 2013 were approved.
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None. Mr. Milt Hess, a Library Volunteer, joined the meeting as a guest midway through item 1a.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	The next meeting will be on October 22, 2013 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

Submission to the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) had been delayed to allow more time to continue discussions with the Museum of Art. Meetings have occurred and more are planned, aiming as much as possible to achieve the goals of both organizations. The Museum property line extends only 18 inches from the Museum building. Discussions on issues such as ADA access, ramping and railings are proceeding with the Museum as a neighbor, and include staff and design teams from both parties. Submission to HLC meeting on October 9th looked unlikely. RDA based funding can be spent only through December, making fast, mutually based progress necessary.

2. Children's Library Project Update

Honorary Committee Co-chairs Peter MacDougall and Anne Towbes hosted a reception on September 19th at the Library for members and guests of the Committee of the Library Board Foundation. Peter announced Jim Jackson and Janet Garufis as [additional] Co-chairs. An announcement was made that the Jackson Family Foundation would contribute \$250,000 to the capital campaign. Fannie Flagg gave an inspiring talk. The campaign is moving closer to the goal to request final design from the architects by the end of the year. ADA access on the southern side of Plaza is a matter related to the Plaza design but would also be required as part of new Children's Library plan. Only \$50,000 remains to be raised before a request for final design can go before the Council. Irene gave out copies of the Children's Library booklet prepared for the event.

3. Budget Update

2012 Financial Year: Figures in preparation. The County has restored its 15% cut, returning per capita funding to \$6.90 amounting to approximately \$100,000. Half will go toward maintenance and half toward the book budget.

Black Gold Contributions: The Black Gold formula for calculating financial contributions by consortium members has been changed. A base fee was set of 15% with the remainder based on resource usage. Santa Barbara's contribution will be reduced by \$19,000 as a result. There is the possibility of eliminating the \$1 holds fee. This was originally increased from 50c following the loss of state funding and an increase in the number of holds. The holds fee represents a hardship for some Black Gold Library populations. Variations in the number of holds and possible limits and system limitations were discussed. Irene will include this topic on the next agenda.

New Business

4. Director's Report

Confidentiality Law: California Government Code 6267 on confidentiality restricts the release of Library records. This creates a difficult situation with parents interested in their children's reading and/or their borrowing practices. Research is ongoing into the legal interpretation of the code, exceptions made by other libraries, and possible flexibility. Discussion followed on intellectual freedom, age and other aspects related to the topic, which was expected to be included on the next agenda.

The Big Read: Irene gave out copies of 'The Things They Carried' as the focus of The Big Read. Some very good grants have been obtained, and the Library was able to hire Hap Freund to expand the program, taking it to a larger scale than in 2012. Many events are planned, including, for example, First Thursday (with street closure), high school partnerships, and readings by veterans. All the events are posted on the Library web site and featured in flyers.

Web Site: Library staff is working with City staff on the new design. The new site is now expected to be ready in May 2014.

New Library Logo: Following poor progress by one designer since March, a new, very responsive graphic designer, Home Grown Graphics, has been commissioned. Meetings are planned with the designer and the Library Service Managers.

Board/Staff Communications

Annual State of the Library Meeting: Eric requested staff to find out the cost of recording this meeting, possibly in Council Chambers or the David Gebhard Conference Room, and the process required.

Future Agenda Items

Black Gold Holds Fee
Confidentiality Law
State of the Library Meeting, April 2014

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Gordon.