



**City of Santa Barbara  
Public Library**

**LIBRARY BOARD**

Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 26, 2013 held at the Central Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Eric Friedman; Susette Naylor; Christine Roberts; Dianne 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 12:03 p.m. on November 26, 2013.
CHANGES TO AGENDA:	None
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	Minutes of October 22, 2013 were approved with changes. (Jonathan Glasoe abstained due to absence from previous meeting.)
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None (Mr. Milt Hess, Library volunteer and prospective Library Board member joined the meeting.)
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	The next meeting will be on January 28, 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 concept hearing at the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) now postponed to January 29th due to continuing coordination with the Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA), availability of the architects and City holiday closure time. The Library and SBMA design teams had met with City staff and a Penfield & Smith engineer on November 14, focusing particularly on whether or not a 1 in 20 slope of the paseo – no handrails would be required – could be achieved without compromising the Campbell and Campbell design. This was not possible due to extension of the ramp into the vehicle access area and the need it would create for a ramp with hand rails at the front of plaza. Members expressed strong concerns about any plan that would allow vehicle access along the side of the paseo. The SBMA plan would in the meantime go through the Development Application Review Team (DART) process. Irene Macias proposed to bring the basically unchanged, but updated and staff recommended Library Plaza plan to the Board for approval in January before the HLC meeting. In response to a question from Susette Naylor, Eric clarified that Board member comments on the plan and related matters would be welcome at the January meeting. Eric summarized that the plan and

the issues discussed would be brought back to the Board for these issues to be discussed as an action item and recommendations made in January before the HLC hearing. Irene Macias confirmed that she would look into: 1) whether the Library could take advantage of wells and attachment infrastructure installed and paid for by the SBMA and 2) whether constraints on planning for ADA compliance exist due to the landmarked trees because they limit space and activities around them.

In brief discussion of the schedule, Eric pointed out that time was not a key issue as yet because no money existed for construction. Susette requested that the time when the Board could expect to review at all stages of the process be added to the Project schedule. In January, the City Council will decide the allocation of one time monies from funds remaining after dissolution of the RDA and other sources; this was expected to include the amount of \$100,000 for continuation of the Plaza design. Susette Naylor noted that the Library had been fortunate so far to benefit from the Campbell's dedication to the project resulting in a lower amount than would apply if they charged their usual rates.

## ***2. Children's Library Project Update***

Irene Macias reported that the three Campaign Co-chairs and Major Gifts Chair were achieving very positive responses from potential donors. Library staff has begun working with Mike Wilshire from the City's Facilities Department as the new Project Manager for the Children's Library Project. The hope was to go to final design with City Council approval on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Changes to the design to be limited to avoid additional costs. Irene also indicated the latest schedule of milestones as distributed to members, the contract anticipated to be awarded in 2015.

## ***3. Budget Update***

Budget spending on track at 41% was reported by Irene Macias. Very high water bills due to a major underground leak had led to 67% spending of the water allocation. A much smaller second leak had occurred since, but repairs had been completed.

## ***New Business***

## ***4. Director's Report***

City of Goleta Contract: Irene informed the Board that two issues remained to be agreed, making contract finalization by the end of the calendar year unlikely.

Black Gold (BG): The Acting State Librarian has referred an action by the BG Administrative Council to the State Attorney General's office to review whether or not the action is legal. Irene is the new Chair of BG. Irene distributed a two page summary to members and summarized the issue: BG had reviewed its contribution formula. As reviewed in previous Board meetings, the formula no longer accurately reflected BG resource usage. The board enacted a "shareable materials offset" that requires each member library in the system to maintain a specific level of funding for materials, and if the member fails to do so, they would be required to pay a specified amount to Black Gold. So far, Irene Macias has been unable to find anything in the law contravened by the new offset. One of the affected jurisdictions had made the complaint.

Zinio: Scott Love announced the introduction of Zinio, a major downloadable magazine service and took members through the steps of viewing the magazines on offer, searching for genre and titles, downloading etc., and outlined its main features and method of access. The addition of the service had been publicized through local media. Eric requested notification of the new Zinio service to Betsy Kramer, Harbor Commissioner, as someone who had campaigned for its introduction. Introduction through the BG Council had kept costs down.

Discussion of Item 5. was moved to the end of the meeting.

***6. Election of New Chair and Vice Chair***

Separate motions for Eric Friedman to continue as Chair and for Jonathan Glasoe to become Vice Chair in calendar year 2014 were passed unanimously. It was noted that Eric Friedman's term would time out in 2014.

***7. Calendar for 2014***

A motion was approved unanimously to continue the basis for scheduling in 2014 [every third Tuesday] with the exception of April [State of the Library televised meeting]. Dates would be checked with the incoming member in January.

**Board/Staff Communications**

***8. Arrangements for State of the Library Meeting, Council Chambers, April 21, 2014***

Maria confirmed that the Board meeting on Monday, April 21, 2014 has been confirmed for 6 – 7pm [at Council Chambers].

**Future Agenda Items**

**Recommendations Regarding Library Plaza Project  
Confidentiality**

**Next Regular Meeting:** Central Library, Faulkner Gallery West. Tuesday, January 28, 2013, 12 p.m.

***5. Recognition of Board Member Service***

Eric led the Board and staff in thanking Dianne Duva for her years of service and contribution to the progress and increased activity and dedication of the Board and its mission and welcomed her continuing involvement in the future. Dianne accepted and returned the thanks.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Gordon.