



Santa Barbara Public Library System

LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting of September 23, 2014 held at the Central Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Eric Friedman; Jonathan Glasoe; Milt Hess; Susette Naylor; Christine Roberts
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Irene Macias, Library Director; Scott Love, Library Services Manager; Marck Aguilar, City of Santa Barbara Project Planner; Maria Gordon, Executive Assistant
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was brought to order in the Faulkner Gallery West at 12:02PM on September 23, 2014.
CHANGES TO AGENDA:	None
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	Minutes of August 26, 2014 were approved unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	None
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	The next meeting will be on November 25th, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in the Faulkner Gallery West at the Central Library, 40 East Anapamu Street.

Old Business

1. Library Plaza Update

Library Director, Irene Macias, introduced Marck Aguilar as the City Planner overseeing the Library Plaza Project, attending in order to answer questions.

1a. Museum of Art Archeological Report, Geothermal Wells and Plans: Macias read the minutes, including staff comments, regarding the HLC Meeting concerning the Report. Marck Aguilar responded to questions and concerns.

1b. Updated Library Plaza Project/Museum of Art Points of Discussion: Using a plan drawing, Irene Macias indicated with assistance from Marck Aguilar where specific points had arisen, most now resolved.

1c. Project Schedule Update: The Director reported the architect's expected dates for the next HLC hearing and final design. Marck Aguilar clarified that the HLC hearing date would need to be after design of the storm water management plan (SWMP).

2. Children's Library Update

The Board Chair thanked the Library Staff and Jonathan Glasoe for all their work toward the very successful launch of the Children's Library Campaign public phase. The Library Director summarized progress to date. Members briefly discussed the project schedule dates with Marck Aguilar, Milt Hess pointing out the need for a correction to the Receive Construction Bids date to 10/7/14 (not 2015).

3. Budget Update

No new items had arisen since the previous meeting.

4. Library Vision

Members unanimously approved postponement of this item to the next meeting.

New Business

5. Director's Report

Irene Macias reported that the Library had won an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership Grant of \$249,912. This followed a planning grant in 2012 of \$50,000 for a siblings reading project and subsequent rejection for a major grant. Resubmission after research and hard work by Bev Schwartzberg had resulted in the new award for the Reading Together Demonstration Project.

The Library was in the last stages of recruitment to replace the Circulation Supervisor, with a job offer expected soon.

The City Council was today expected to approve the County contract (now for one year) for Library services. The City of Goleta had recently issued a request for proposals to hire a library consultant to look at the feasibility of the City running its own library. Irene Macias responded to questions from Christine Roberts and Milt Hess about financial impacts and taxes relating to the running of the Goleta Library.

6. Year-end Performance Measures (P3)

Due to lack of time, the Board unanimously approved a motion to postpone discussion of this item, and to make it instead the first item at the next Board meeting.

7. Library Outreach Presentation

Gwen Wagy introduced an overview presentation by staff members Lisa Gonzalez and Jayne Lee on the Library's Youth Services outreach. Outreach occurs in the widely unknown context of the school demographics of Santa Barbara revealing as much economic and educational disadvantage as those of Los Angeles Unified School District. Outreach throughout the year provides information and books, addresses concerns, and leads activities. Examples include: partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department Parque de Los Niños food distribution program; parent and community group presentations; pre-school and grade school story times and presentations; sibling and family reading; classroom visits and Library based "Summer camps." Results include major improvements in reading tests, greater participation in Library events; greater use of Library services, and many personal success stories. Board members were invited at any time to join staff on an outreach activity. Board and staff members thanked the presenters for an excellent presentation.

Board/Staff Communications

Susette Naylor reported that the City's Community Conversation on Infrastructure meeting with Advisory Board members had been a very good presentation on the work required and the question of priorities. Irene Macias noted that several Library projects were due to be included.

Future Agenda Items

Year-end Performance Measures (P3) – item #1; Mission Statement Review [under Library Vision] – item #2; Collection Development Presentation

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05pm

Next Regular Meeting: October 28th, 2014 (Faulkner Gallery West, Central Library, 12 noon)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Gordon.