



Santa Barbara Public Library System

LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 24, 2015 held at the Eastside Library

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Glasoe; Milt Hess; Susette Naylor; Christine Roberts
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None
- COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: None
- STAFF PRESENT: Maria Gordon, Executive Assistant; Irene Macias, Library Director
- CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order at the Eastside Library at 12:0 p.m. on March 24, 2015.
- CHANGES TO AGENDA: Under Board/Staff Communications - Report on Semiannual Advisory Board Chair and Vice-Chair Meeting, March 18th, 2015
- MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of January 27, 2015 were approved with changes.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Marivel Zambrano-Esparza, Eastside Branch Supervisor, distributed copies of photographs of popular Eastside Library activities, reported on some highlights from Branch operations, and answered questions from Board members.
 - The April 27 meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 725 Anacapa Street.

Old Business

1. Library Plaza Project Update

In answer to previous question from the Board: a) Irene Macias reported that the Storm Water Management plan (SWMP) for the Plaza was at the Tier 3 level. The SWMP had now been approved in concept. b) Public Works staff had identified five to six phases of work. Phased rather than continuous work would be more expensive, but was necessary without identified funding for the project. Phases will accommodate work on the transformer, ADA compliancy issues and create opportunities to work in parallel with Museum construction work. In response to questions about cost, project length, and Museum of Art construction, Macias clarified that the project was part of the City's Capital Improvement Program where funding would be decided annually; she reported that an agreement is being developed where the Plaza could serve as a staging area for phase one of Museum construction; the Museum had now completely withdrawn its geothermal proposals. Macias also reported that a second hearing at the Street Tree Advisory Committee regarding tree removal had raised no issues and plans were expected to be approved.

2. Children's Library Project Update

Irene Macias reported good progress and cooperation by the contractors. A change order for \$14,000 needed due to the discovery that additional sewer line work was needed. Furniture had been ordered with project completion expected at the beginning of June. Answering a question from Susette Naylor, Macias let the Board know that concerns about ADA requirements regarding lighting on the main floor may generate an additional

change order. Staff was adapting procedures affected by the construction. Jonathan Glasoe reported that fund raising continues.

3. Budget Update

Irene Macias reported that the City Administrator and Finance staff had reviewed the Library's proposed two year budget on March 10th. Public release as part of the City budget was set for April 21st, with presentation to the Council at 3pm on April 30th, including a recommendation from the Board; Macias also let the Board know that on May 6th the Finance Committee would review proposed changes to fees and fines, including a decrease in late DVD fines from \$1 to 25c per day; the City budget would be adopted on June 7th. In response to a request from Christine Roberts, the Director requested a link should be sent to Board members to the budget display on the City's website in readiness for the public release.

4. Library Vision

a. Mission Statements Review

Board members reviewed elements of a mission statement to be proposed for review by staff. Milt Hess distributed copies of his proposal. Irene Macias noted that the statement covered the whole Library System, and needed to take into account the variation in facilities and services offered. Members raised various aspects and emphases, including gathering space, literacy, technology, citizenship, physical environment, community context and homelessness. Distinctions between mission and vision statements, aspirational vs. current functions, the need to reflect all the Libraries in the system, the opportunity to lead through collection decisions, free and open access, impartiality, the "third space" concept for community gathering, indirect subsidy of services for the homeless, and rules of conduct were also raised. Irene Macias stated that following completion of the Children's Library and changes to the main floor, the plan was to look at a strategic plan for the Library where updating the mission statement would be the first part. Review by staff of the statement and input from the Board was expected to occur in the Fall.

New Business

5. Director's Report

Irene Macias reported on the upcoming UCSB/SB Reads partnership event, the strong focus on the Library in the City Administrator's 3/20 State of the City presentation, inclusion of the Library in the City's new Business Resource project, hiring 3/13 of Kristina Hernandez as Senior Librarian/Supervisor in Patron Services, resignation of Scott Love, Library Services Manager, temporary part time hiring of Myra Nicholas, retired former staff member, as Library Services Manager with responsibility for construction liaison, and initiation of recruitment for a new Library Services Manager.

Board/Staff Communications

Milt Hess reported on the Semiannual Advisory Board Chair and Vice-Chair Meeting, 3/18, which Jonathan Glasoe and he had attended. JG had reported on the Library Plaza and Children's Library projects. He and Glasoe noted that some of the other commissions were more actively involved and engaged in planning. Members briefly discussed the element of political strategy, the opportunity for members to promote the Library and to support Library proposals and measures by attending Council and other meetings and by sending letters. Relevant links to be sent to members. The Board thanked Jonathan Glasoe for attending a recent Historic Landmarks Commission meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Mission statement review

Next Meeting: 6 pm, Monday, April 27th, Council Chambers, City Hall.
Meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Gordon.