



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

Thursday, December 9, 2021

12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Milt Hess called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Milt Hess, Leslie Dinaberg, Margaret Crocco

Board Members absent: Will Tomlinson

City Council Liaison: Eric Friedman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – of November 17, 2021

Recommendation: That the Library Board waive the reading and approve the minutes of Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

This item was tabled until the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were made.

LIBRARY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation

Discussion: The Library Board received an update from the Foundation President, Anne Howard, about what the Foundation has been working on, including the recent donor appreciation event with author Susan Orlean.

Friends of the Santa Barbara Public Library

Discussion: The Library Board received an update from the President of the Friends, Barbara Hershberg, about what the Friends have been working on, including the upcoming Polar Express event and advocating for free parking for library staff by writing a letter to the Mayor and City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recognition of Board Member Service

Recommendation: That the Library Board recognize the exiting Board member.

Discussion: The Library Board recognized the exiting Board member, Chair Milt Hess.

Public Comment: Anne Howard, thanking Chair Milt Hess for all of his work to advocate for and

support the Library.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2. ILS and Black Gold Membership Update

Recommendation: That the Library Board receive an update on the Library's migration to a new ILS and the status of their Black Gold membership.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: The Library Board received an update on the Library's migration to a new ILS and status of their Black Gold Library Cooperative membership, including a brief history of the difficulties the Library has faced while attempting to collaborate with the Cooperative. The Cooperative is moving forward with installing Koha and the libraries of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo are moving forward with their own installations of the new ILS. At the December 3, 2021 Black Gold Admin Council meeting, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo's proposal of participating in Black Gold at a tier that only covered the services they would be using was not considered by the remaining jurisdictions, who then proceeded to vote to use Cooperative reserves to pay for their installation of Koha and to refuse the use of these reserves by Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo for their own installations, despite Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo being the primary contributors to those reserves.

Public Comment: Barbara Hershberg, on getting a tax to help fund the Library.

3. Library Director's Report: Building and Grounds

Recommendation: That the Library Board receive the monthly Library Director's Report, Building and Grounds.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: The Library Board received the monthly Library Director's Report on Building and Grounds. All three CIP projects are on track for a bid to go out in January 2022 and to be awarded in March 2022. The Library received another grant to purchase more circulating Chromebooks and hotspots.

4. Library Director's Report: Programs

Recommendation: That the Library Board receive the monthly Library Director's Report, Programs.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: The Library Board received the monthly Library Director's Report on Programs. Adult programming continues to be limited and is expected to remain so until the Library is able to fill its current Senior Librarian vacancy. Stay & Play at the Eastside Library continues to gain momentum with at least 20 participants per session. The Teen Advisory Board has been assisting with user testing of the Library's new website. The Adult Education team has been going to the Neighborhood Navigation Center weekly with the Library on the Go Van to help individuals access the Internet for job searching, etc. In November, the Library partnered with the Santa Barbara Foundation to do an Online Job Fair which had 12 agencies and nearly 100

people in attendance. SB Reads 2021 has been very successful so far and 240 copies of *An American Sunrise* have been distributed. The Library on the Go Van reached almost 50 stops in November. Future programming will include more maker challenges and Storywalks, the upcoming Black History month celebration, and the return of weekly storytimes, Girls Rock song writing classes, the Take It Apart series, and the Reading Ambassadors program.

5. Library Director's Report: Collections and Circulation

Recommendation: That the Library Board receive the monthly Library Director's Report, Collection and Circulation.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: The Library Board received the monthly Library Director's Report on Collections and Circulation. The Aspen Discovery overlay has gone live on the Library's catalog and thus far, the public's response has been largely positive. Patrons have been particularly excited about the new integrated digital collections and purchase suggestions feature within the catalog.

6. Budget Update

Recommendation: That the Library Board accept the financial status of the Library as of November 30, 2021.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: As of November 30, 2021, the Library is at 41.67% of the year in and annual expenditures are at 33.8%.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

7. Library Board Member Updates

Discussion: Board Member Leslie Dinaberg shared the positive feedback she has been hearing from the community about recent Library programs. Chair Milt Hess shared some of his experiences and insights from having served on the Library Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Milt Hess adjourned the meeting at 1:12PM.