



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
LIBRARY BOARD**

MINUTES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Will Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 12:00PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Leslie Dinaberg, Will Tomlinson, Margaret Crocco

Board Members absent: NA

City Council Liaison: Eric Friedman

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Agenda Items Welcome New Board Members and Election of Chair and Vice Chair were tabled until the new Library Board members could be sworn into their positions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – of November 17, 2021 & December 9, 2021

Recommendation: That the Library Board waive the reading and approve the minutes of Wednesday, November 17, 2021 and Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Motion: Board Members Crocco/Dinaberg to approve the minutes of Wednesday, November 17, 2021, and Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Vote: Unanimous roll call vote.

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 closing the Library Plaza Campaign now that they have successfully raised over \$5 million and looking to award a check to the City for construction of the Library Plaza by the end of March 2022. Less than 100 bricks are remaining for community supporters to purchase.

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 selling some books to the Transition House for an event, hoping to host another outdoor book sale on Saturday, February 5, and looking to plan an author event for Library Week in April 2022. The Polar Express event had 28 children in attendance in addition to their family members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. State Library Report Review

Recommendation: That the Library Board receive an overview of the FY2021 State Library Report data.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: The Library Board received an overview of the FY2021 State Library Report data submitted to the State and some comparative data from FY2019/2020, including population served, card holders, income, staff expenditures, collections expenditures and holdings, circulation, program attendance, and visits per open hour.

Public Comment: None were made.

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 the status of their Black Gold membership, including that the Black Gold Cooperative submitted an intent to litigate and that this matter would be discussed with City Council at the 1/25/22 meeting.

Public Comment: None were made.

3. Library Director's Report

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

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: The Library Board received the monthly Library Director's Report. Due to the current surge in positive COVID-19 cases, the Library has returned to its Library Express model with a 30 minute limit for the public per person per day. The Library will review the situation at the end of January to determine if Library Express needs to be extended into February. The Library has been experiencing leaks and water damage on the historic side of the main level during the rainy season and is working with Facilities to find solutions to prevent this issue from occurring in the future. The bid for the Library's CIP projects is open and scheduled to close February 9th, 2022. Arcadia is to submit designs to the Signs Committee next week. The artwork for the Elevator project is outside of the construction bid and will be designed in-house by the same employee who designed the Library on the Go Van wrap. The Transformer project was brought to HLC and HLC requested revisions and resubmittal. The Library is now providing access to some new databases, including Learning Express which gives access to test preparatory materials. The Library is looking to replace their Chat Reference application with a

more robust platform with their IT Team currently looking at different vendors. As part of a green initiative, the Library is looking to stop offering receipts. The access points for the WiFi have started rolling in. While all indoor programming has been paused, Baby & Me and Wiggly Storytimes have returned to Alameda Park and Bilingual Baby & Me has returned at the Eastside branch. The Library also continues to provide Maker Kits. A social services candidate has still not been found by FSA but the search is continuing. Stay & Play and other partnerships with Moxi continue and the Library is now offering circulating passes.

Public Comment: None were made.

4. Budget Update

Recommendation: That the Library Board accept the financial status of the Library as of December 31, 2021.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: As of December 31, 2021, the Library is at 50% of the year in and annual expenditures are at 42%.

Public Comment: None were made.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

5. Library Board Member Updates

Discussion: The Library Board discussed how the City's CIP process and funding works.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

SBPL Marketing and Branding Guidelines

Collection Development Policy Review

FY23 Budget

Library on the Go One Year In-Service Review

Review of Welcome Card Statistics

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Will Tomlinson adjourned the meeting at 12:46PM.