



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

Thursday, February 10, 2022

12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Will Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 12:01PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Will Tomlinson, Leslie Dinaberg, Margaret Crocco, Dena Davis, Barbara Hershberg

Board Members absent: NA

City Council Liaison: absent

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None were made.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Discussion: The Library Board welcomed its two newest Members, Dena Davis and Barbara Hershberg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – of January 13, 2022

Recommendation: That the Library Board waive the reading and approve the minutes of Thursday, January 13, 2022.

Motion: Board Members Dinaberg/Crocco to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 13, 2022.

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 Director, Lauren Trujillo, about what the Foundation has been working on, including the Library Plaza Campaign, which is ongoing and which has 80 bricks still available for purchase by the community, and plans for raising funds for SB Reads 2022.

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 a successful outdoor book sale and plans for a future local authors event and art raffle.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation: That the Library Board elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2022.

Motion 1: Board Members Crocco/Dinaberg to elect Will Tomlinson as Chair for 2022.

Vote 1: Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion 2: Board Members Crocco/Tomlinson to elect Leslie Dinaberg as Vice Chair for 2022.

Vote 2: Unanimous roll call vote.

Public Comment: None were made.

ACTION: The Library Board elected Will Tomlinson as Chair and Leslie Dinaberg as Vice Chair for 2022.

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 a presentation on the history of the events leading up to the Library's decision to withdraw from Black Gold, the implications of the threat of litigation, and the outcome of the January 25, 2022 City Council meeting where Council unanimously voted to withdraw from the Cooperative. The implications of this decision in regards to County funding as well as the continuing funding inequities and service area boundary challenges caused by the withdrawal of Goleta from the Santa Barbara Public Library were also discussed.

Public Comment: Lauren Trujillo on the Foundation's desire to help advocate for the Library and recommendation to investigate how community partners can help the Library in this matter.

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. The three CIP projects are on track with the bid closing mid-February. There has been high vendor interest with 20-30 contractors at the pre-bid meeting in January. Designs are going to Signs Committee in late February for the font size on the bricks. Ongoing technology projects include the migration to the new Koha ILS, the launch of the new website, the establishment of a new public network, and the upgrade to the outside WiFi at the Central Library. The project to

upgrade the WiFi inside the Central Library has been completed. The Library's Stay & Play program was highlighted as the Grant Coordinator from the State came to visit in February and said the Library's program was the best they had seen. In celebration of Black History Month, the Library is hosting a celebration at Alameda Park. Plans for future programming for Spring Break and Summer Reading are underway. Library Express will be discontinued on February 15th, 2022. A grant proposal for Book to Action was submitted with a focus on environmentalism. The Library is going to discontinue the search for a social service worker through FSA for FY2022 but the need for this type of work at the library and the hope for a social worker employed by the Library for FY23 was reiterated. In regards to the Library on the Go, the Library received a grant for a second vehicle that will be all electric and during Library Express, Library on the Go popups were increased and received with resounding success, especially as Shoreline Park. Due to the migration to Koha, the Black Gold Admin Council voted to stop resource sharing and the Library is actively looking to strengthen its collection and meet community needs and demands, especially as circulation continues to rise. The Library is adding circulating Moxi and Santa Barbara Botanic Garden memberships to their collection.

Public Comment: None were made.

4. Budget Update

Recommendation: That the Library Board accept the financial status of the Library as of January 31, 2022.

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: As of January 31, 2022, the Library is at 58.33% of the year in and annual expenditures are at 49.7%. The Library is presenting their proposed FY2023 budget to City Council on May 2, 2022.

Public Comment: None were made.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

5. Library Board Member Updates

None were made.

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, March 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Will Tomlinson adjourned the meeting at 1:17PM.