

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA LIBRARY BOARD

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Faulkner Gallery, 40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Thursday, June 9, 2022 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Will Tomlinson, Margaret Crocco, Leslie Dinaberg, Barbara Hershberg,

Dena Davis

Board Members Absent: NA City Council Liaison: Absent

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – of May 12, 2022

Recommendation: That the Library Board waive the reading and approve the minutes of Thursday May 12, 2022.

Motion: Board Members Crocco/Dinaberg to approve the minutes of Thursday, May 12, 2022.

Vote: Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was made.

LIBRARY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation

Discussion: The Library Board received an update from the Foundation President, Anne Howard, and the Foundation Director, Lauren Trujillo, about what the Foundation has been working on and upcoming changes. Foundation President, Anne Howard, announced that this was her last Library Board meeting and that the Foundation is holding elections for new officers and members for the next term. The Foundation is working on finding sponsors for SB Reads 2022 and is getting ready to draft a new endowment policy that will help set the tone for future giving.

Friends of the Santa Barbara Public Library

Discussion: The Library Board received an update from the President of the Friends, Barbara Hershberg, on how their author event went and their excitement for the upcoming Summer Reading Kickoff.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. 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. City Council concluded their budget deliberations on June 8th with no changes to the Library's FY23 Budget from what was originally presented. The City is launching a new Fiscal Sustainability initiative, with the Library scheduled to present to the Finance Committee in September. There has been an individual living outside the Library on Anapamu St. for the last few weeks and the Library is actively working with local social service agencies to get this individual the care and services they need. So far, the individual has been resistant to all service providers. The Library received Parks Passes through the State Library and a grant to create Explore Your Parks kits for circulation. Negotiations with Black Gold are ongoing. The Library Director went to the California Library Association Conference and shared that she is participating on a CLA Advocacy Board and that funding for Lunch at the Library was changed from one-time funding to on-going funding. July 11th is still the anticipated start day for construction for the Library's 3 CIP projects but the Library has yet to receive a list of closure dates. The Library's migration from the Black Gold network to a City network was a success. The new City website goes live on June 28. New summer teen interns have started at the Library this week, a new Support Wall featuring the Friends and Foundation has been put up, and the investigation for new Library Merchandise is ongoing. The Library has been wrapping up Summer Reading tours and Book to Action programming, the teen PRIDE event had a successful turnout, and programming for the upcoming Juneteenth holiday will be held the week prior to the holiday. Some upcoming programs include a Ring Shout event, National Pokémon Day, and a Lightning Thief event. As part of SB Reads 2022, the Library plans to host an art show in the Faulkner Gallery. Plans are underway to move the Library on the Go Van to the Eastside Branch Library and new EV chargers are going up there as well. The ILS migration went well with 4000 new print titles ordered in May and minor quirks being ironed out by ByWater and Library staff. Overall, public feedback has been very positive on the ILS migration.

2. Budget Update

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

Speaker: Jessica Cadiente, Library Director

Discussion: As of May 31, 2022, the Library is at 91.67% of the year in and annual expenditures are at 66.45%.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

3. Library Board Member Updates

Discussion: Board Member Hershberg shared their enjoyment of the Library's Summer Reading video.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Website and ILS Update – August
Welcome Card Update – August
Parking Update – August
Fiscal Sustainability - August
SBPL Marketing and Branding Guidelines
Library on the Go One Year In-Service Review

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., Faulkner Gallery.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Will Tomlinson adjourned the meeting at 1:12PM.