



NATIONAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

October 2, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees of the National City Public Library was called to order by President Godshalk at 5:31 p.m. on October 2, 2019.

ROLL CALL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT: Margaret Godshalk, President
Ray Juarez, Vice-President
Sherry Gogue, Trustee
Bradley Bang, Trustee
Cheryl Howrey-Colmenero, Alternate Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Minh Duong, City Librarian
Angil Morris-Jones, City Attorney

PUBLIC: Members of the public
Joan Rincon

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of September 4th Meeting**
- 3. Approval of a grant from the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) in the baseline amount of \$18,000 to fund the fiscal year 2019-20 Literacy Program**
- 4. Approval of Library Warrants**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items 1 - 4

Motion: Gogue / Second: Juarez

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 5. Newspapers Digitization Project – Update**

The Friends of the Library voted to approve a donation of \$59,468 to the City to defray the cost of digitization of the newspapers on microfilm collection. The digitization will be contracted to the Center for Bibliographic Studies, UC Riverside. The project has been approved by the Board at the last meeting and will be presented to the City Council for final approval.

- 6. Children’s Librarian Recruitment – Update.**

The Children’s Librarian recruitment is underway. The interview process for library vacancies is mostly internal with occasional board members sitting in on the second interviews. City

Attorney made recommendations to set up a panel interview to gain perspective from people inside and outside the organization.

7. Review of the Library Rules of Conduct – Food and Drink

A recent incident where a minor patron with a medical condition needed to consume water prompted the Library to review its Patron Rules of Conduct, which currently prohibits consumption of food and drinks inside the library, as a way to provide a reasonable accommodation for special cases.

City Attorney Morris-Jones suggested the Library to give her office the opportunity to thoroughly review the entire Rules of Conduct and come back at a later date in January 2020 with recommendations for updates or changes wherever applicable.

8. Review of the Local History Room Preservation Needs Assessment Report

After review of the History Room Preservation Needs Assessment Report, Trustee Bang felt that he did not have sufficient knowledge of the issues noted in the report by the consultant who conducted the assessment and proposed to have the City Librarian bring back in January 2020 a list of recommendations with priorities and costs on how to address them.

Motion to have the City Librarian bring back a report on solutions for the issues noted in the History Room Preservation Needs Assessment Report

Motion: BB / Second: RJ

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

*Public Comment – Joan Rincon made suggestion to create an ad-hoc committee to address the Local History Room issues noted in the report

Trustee Bang moved to create an ad-hoc committee to develop a clear policy direction for the Local History Room; seconded by Trustee Gogue. Motion carried with ayes: 5-0.

9. December Board Meeting Date Change Request (Library)

City Librarian Duong requested the Board's approval to change the December Meeting from December 4th to December 11th as she will be out of the office on December 4th.

Motion to move the December meeting from December 4th to December 11th.

Motion: BB / CHC

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried

10. Library Board Regular Monthly Meeting Date Change Request Update (Trustee Bang).

As an attempt to resolve the scheduling conflict of both the Library Board Monthly Meeting and the Kimball Neighborhood Council Meeting being held on the first Wednesday of the month, Trustee Bang will continue the talk with the City Manager's Office and the City Council to have the Kimball meeting changed to either the second or third Wednesday or switched with the Las Palmas or El Toyon Neighborhood meeting.

Trustee Gogue made the motion to move up the November 6th meeting from 5:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Motion: SG / Second: BB

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried

11. Discussion – Bringing Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) Program to the National City Public Library (Trustee Bang).

At the last meeting, Trustee Bang proposed to bring DQSH program to the Library and requested to put the item on the agenda to have the Board weigh in and vote on. To allow all the members of the public who came this evening the opportunity to speak early to the item, Trustee Bang requested to move item #11 up to the top of the New and Unfinished Business agenda.

* Trustee Comments:

President Godshalk – Embracing diversity and differences is a good thing. This program is not age-appropriate and better suited for adults.

Trustee Howrey-Colmenero enquired if the vote is for a one-time event and what is the cost of the program. Kids like to see performers dress up. The question remains whether it is appropriate for kids of young age.

Trustee Juarez indicated that he needed to hear more from the community. He felt that what we have in place should continue and we need to be cautious and accountable for not incurring high costs for programs.

Trustee Gogue expressed that it is not about gender discrimination. Whatever policy the Library has should provide protection for the community and children.

* Public Comments – two minutes per speaker:

Fifteen (15) speakers spoke to Trustee Bang’s proposal of bringing the drag queen story to the National City Library with thirteen (13) spoke in opposition citing various reasons among which prevalently age inappropriateness and childhood indoctrination.

* Motion to implement DQSH at the National City Library

Ayes: 1 Nays: 4

Motion failed

Trustee Bang requested the City Librarian to bring back at the next meeting a report on past story time programs held at the Library and their presenters.

CITY LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

1. **Trustee Hernandez** resigned from the Board of Trustees effective September 9, 2019.

OTHER REPORTS – Friends of the Library – Margaret Godshalk

The Friends is collecting donation to make Christmas baskets and invites everybody to drop off any items fit for a gift basket at the Friends Bookstore such as mugs, candies, stockings, candles, cookies, aprons, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

BOARD TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION

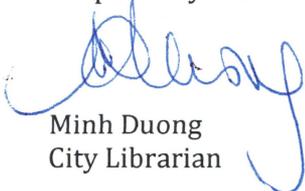
- Trustee Gogue –enquired about the possibility of using the library’s parking lot on November 9th for the Maytime Parade before the library opens.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting: Gogue / Bang, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Minh Duong
City Librarian