

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD



Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of March 6, 2014 To Be Approved

- Call to Order** A REGULAR meeting of the Library Board was called to order by Chair Kathie Sheldon, at 7:00p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.
- Roll Call**
- PRESENT:** Boardmember Ken Breisch, Boardmember Gene Oppenheim, Chair Kathie Sheldon and Boardmember Bryce Snell
- ABSENT:** Vice Chair Ken Blackwell
- ALSO PRESENT:** Michelle Perara, member of the public, Lucien Plauzoles, Santa Monica resident; Diane Bednarski, Principal Librarian for Information Management; Rachel Foyt, Administrative Analyst and Wright Rix, Acting City Librarian
- Public Input** Lucien Plauzoles, Santa Monica resident questioned the need for a statement on the Library Board agenda informing the public that they can speak on any item on the agenda. Staff will check with the City Clerk's Office.
- Approval of the Library Board Minutes** Motion by Boardmember Gene Oppenheim seconded by Boardmember Ken Breisch, to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of February 6, 2014. The motion was approved by the following vote:
- AYES: Boardmember Ken Breisch, Boardmember Gene Oppenheim, Chair Kathie Sheldon and Boardmember Bryce Snell
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Vice Chair Ken Blackwell
- Report from the Friends of the Library, a Library Support Group** Rachel Foyt, Administrative Analyst, reported on the activities of the Friends of the Library. The Friends are moving forward with a membership campaign. The membership committee has been meeting.
- Report on the Pico Branch Library** Mr. Wright Rix, Acting City Librarian, reported on the construction progress at the Pico Branch Library.
- Much of the furniture has been installed
 - The shelving is being installed
 - The concrete has been poured for the exterior benches, planters and stairs
 - Last week's rain began to fill the cistern and the rainwater handling system

- The handoff date for the Branch is scheduled for Friday, March 7
- The automated materials handling system was installed on February 24
- The delivery of the collection is scheduled for the week of March 11
- The Grand Opening of the Branch has been postponed until June
- Depending on the arrival of the service desk a soft opening is planned for April 21

Report on the Recruitment for Santa Monica Public Library City Librarian

Mr. Rix reported that Human Resources and the City Manager have reached out to two candidates for City Librarian. The candidates were identified by the executive search committee. The candidates have been interviewed by key City staff and have had conversations with the lead Library management staff.

Nationwide Current Library Trends - Review of Library Journal Articles

No report.

Secretary's Report

Wright Rix, Acting City Librarian, reported on February Library programs. The Big Read begins on March 29 and book discussions and free public events are being held throughout the city until May 4, 2014.

Update on Library Services and Programs

Update on Library Staffing

A part time permanent Librarian I Youth Services has been hired at the Ocean Park Branch. A full time Librarian I Youth Services has been hired for the Montana Ave. Branch. The openings for Library Pages and Student Workers at the Pico Branch Library have been filled.

Update on Library Facilities and Equipment

The area for the Shotgun house has been fenced off in the parking lot at the Ocean Park Branch.

Update on Library Security and Safety

No report.

What Are You Reading?

The Boardmembers discussed the books they are reading.

Agenda Building

The Library Board asked that the following items be included in the next Library Board agenda: an update on the Pico Branch grand opening date and an update on the recruitment for the Library Director.

Adjournment

Chair Kathie Sheldon adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Wright Rix
Acting City Librarian

Kathie Sheldon
Library Board Chair