

CITY OF SANTA MONICA LIBRARY BOARD



Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of May 4, 2017 To Be Approved

Call to Order	A REGULAR meeting of the Santa Monica Library Board was called to order by Chair, Marc Morgenstern, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.
Roll Call	<p>PRESENT: Boardmember Victor Davich, Chair Marc Morgenstern, Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon, and Vice Chair Bryce Snell</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>ALSO PRESENT: Robert Graves, Librarian I Public Services; Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Administrative Assistant; Patty Wong, Director of Library Services; and Norma Angel, Senior Administrative Analyst</p>
Public Input	None.
Approval of the Library Board Minutes	<p>Motion by Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles, seconded by Boardmember Victor Davich to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of April 13, 2017. The motion was approved by the following vote:</p> <p>AYES: Boardmember Victor Davich, Chairperson Marc Morgenstern, and Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles</p> <p>NOES: None</p> <p>ABSTAINING: Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon and Vice Chair Bryce Snell</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p>
Library Staff Introductions - Introduction of Executive Administrative Assistant Priscilla Bouvet	Patty Wong Director of Library Services introduced Priscilla Bouvet the new Executive Administrative Assistant in Library Administration. Ms. Bouvet started on May 1, 2017.
Wrap Up Report on Santa Monica Reads Program	Robert Graves Librarian I Public Service reported on the 2017 Santa Monica Reads program held February 25 through March 30. Santa Monica Reads is a community reading program that invites Santa Monica residents and visitors to read the same book and then come together in book discussions and special events to talk about

it.

In 2017, the Library celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of Santa Monica Reads by reading *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic* by Alison Bechdel. This was the first year the committee selected a non-fiction graphic novel.

The program launched on February 25 with An Afternoon With Alison Bechdel. There were a number of special events and programs throughout the program including: Scott McCloud: Comics & the Art of Visual Communication; Cartoon Your Story Workshop Series with Carlos Nieto III; The Cartoon Self with Charles Hatfield; Women to Watch Out For: Women in Comics Panel; The Bechdel-Wallace Test: Women in Film Panel; book discussions and movie screenings.

Wrap Up Report on Santa Monica Public Library's Fierce Friday Event Held in Conjunction With YALLWEST

Mr. Graves reported on the Library's Fierce Friday event held on Friday, April 28, 2017 in conjunction with YALLWEST the young adult book festival. Over 1,000 people attended the event, which included signings by 16 young adult authors. Authors included Shannon Hale, Dean Hale, Veronica Roth, Roshani Chokshi, Caleb Roehrig, James Dashner, Kami Garcia, Nicola Yoon, Kate Hart, Victoria Aveyard, Alexandra Bracken, Danielle Paige, Rachel Renée Russell, Ryan North, Maurene Goo, S. Jae-Jones and more.

In addition to the author signings, there was Teen Trivia, retro video games, post-it murals, a photo booth, and a coloring area.

About 17,000 people attended the YALLWEST event on Saturday, April 29 at Santa Monica High School.

Secretary's Report Library Budget Update

Ms. Wong reported to the Board on the Library budget. The Library is scheduled to present its budget during City Council budget hearings scheduled on May 23 and May 24.

Library Services and Programs

Ms. Wong met with Danielle Noble, Assistant Director, Community and Cultural Services and Maggie Willis, Human Service Manager to begin talking about a collaborative approach to homeless services.

Ms. Wong plans to begin meeting weekly with the homeless community in the North Courtyard prior to the Library opening.

Library leadership reviewed existing and prospective new services, shifting collections, and the need for expanding services at the Main Library in light of the Strategic Plan priorities.

The Library received a virtual reality grant.

Library Staffing

Santa Monica Public Library is now a registered location to host student interns from the San Jose State University School of Information. The University of Southern California Center for Library Leadership and Management is also interested in sending interns to the Library.

The Fairview Branch Manager position is vacant. An interim Manager will be selected and serve from three to six months until the position is filled.

Library Partners and Allies

The Friends of the Library Bookstore was open during the Fierce Friday event and generated many sales of young adult and children's materials.

A group of Friends leadership and Library staff plans to meet with the Palos Verdes Library District Friends and Library leadership for ideas on diversification of fundraising and organizational development.

Ms. Wong and Erica Cuyugan Assistant City Librarian met with Antonio Spears of the Santa Monica Library Foundation.

Library Facilities and Equipment

The automated handling system at the Pico Branch is scheduled for replacement in Fall 2017. The system is under warranty.

Single stall restrooms in the Library will be converted to family and transgender restrooms.

Update on Library Security and Safety

The Library has six active stay away orders and six bans.

Library Board Resolution in Support of the American Library Association's Resolution on Access to Accurate Information

Chair Morgenstern reported that at the April Board meeting the Board requested Library staff draft a resolution in support of the American Library Association's Resolution on Access to Accurate Information.

Board discussion followed. Boardmember Davich commented that digital literacy is a board topic and it needs further definition. He said staff should be neutral, impartial, and unbiased when developing, offering and teaching patrons how to use and weigh information.

Motion by Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon, seconded by Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles to approve the resolution as written and presented to the Board. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Marc Morgenstern, Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon, and Vice Chair Bryce Snell

NOES: Boardmember Victor Davich

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Library Staff presented a draft letter for Library Board review and approval in support of funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Library Board Letter to Support Restoration of Funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Board discussion followed.

Motion by Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles, seconded by Vice Chair Bryce Snell to send the letter as written and presented to the Board to Representative Ted Lieu, Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator Kamala Harris and the Budget Appropriations Committee. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Marc Morgenstern, Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon, and Vice Chair Bryce Snell

NOES: Boardmember Victor Davich

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

The Library Board continued its discussion from the April Board meeting of forming ad hoc Library Board Committees.

Discussion and Formation of Ad Hoc Library Board Committees to Support Library Board Goals

Chair Marc Morgenstern spoke to the Board about broadening the Library Board's reach and getting more people involved in the Library Board through the formation of ad hoc committees on outreach and advocacy.

Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles suggested a Board development committee focusing on outreach to attract candidates for Library Board vacancies, liaising with City staff and City Council about the types of Boardmembers that are needed on the Library Board.

Motion by Vice Chair Bryce Snell, seconded by Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon to create one ad hoc Board Development committee chaired by Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles to explore the possibilities and rationales for expanding the size of the Library Board. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Boardmember Victor Davich, Chairperson Marc Morgenstern, Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon, and Vice Chair Bryce Snell

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Ms. Wong reported that staff are working to develop a number of programs in complement to the Library services and collections to focus on tolerance, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Information on Tolerance and Santa Monica Public Library Programming Focusing on Tolerance

Ms. Wong reported that she was asked to sit on a regional consortium of academics and public officials who are interested in increasing awareness and

racial equality in government.

Calendar of Important Santa Monica Public Library Dates and Programs

The Board reviewed the Library holiday calendar and the Library's calendar of planned events and programs.

Board Discussion of Nationwide Current Library Trends and Review of Library Journal Articles

Boardmember Victor Davich reported on an article in *Library Journal* on library security and safety.

Reports from Library Boardmembers on Their Attendance at Library Programs or on Feedback From the Community

Boardmembers discussed attending the Alison Bechdel presentation and the Fierce Friday event.

What Are You Reading?

The Board shared the books they are reading.

Agenda Building for the Next Meeting

No items.

Adjournment

On the order of the Chair, Marc Morgenstern, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Patricia Wong

Marc Morgenstern

Director of Library Services

Library Board Chair

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