

CITY OF SANTA MONICA LIBRARY BOARD



Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of October 5, 2017 To Be Approved

Call to Order	A REGULAR meeting of the Santa Monica Library Board was called to order by Vice Chair, Lucien Plauzoles, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.	
Roll Call	PRESENT:	Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Victor Davich, Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon and Boardmember Naomi Seligman.
	ABSENT:	Chair Marc Morgenstern
	ALSO PRESENT:	Patty Wong, Director of Library Services; Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Administrative Assistant. Susan Gabriel Potter, Santa Monica History Museum President; Rob Schwenker, Santa Monica History Museum Board of Directors Chair.
Public Input	None.	
Approval of the Library Board Minutes	Motion by Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon, seconded by Boardmember Naomi Seligman to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of September 7, 2017. The motion was approved by the following vote: AYES: Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Victor Davich, Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon and Boardmember Naomi Seligman. NOES: None ABSTAINING: None ABSENT: Chair Marc Morgenstern	

Santa Monica History Museum Presentation of Annual Report and introduction of museum staff.

Santa Monica History Museum President Susan Gabriel Potter and Board of Directors Chair Rob Schwenker gave an overview of museum staff roles, exhibits, events, growth and challenges; discussed possible opportunities for collaboration; and relationship with other community partnerships.

Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles provided clarification of the relationship between the City of Santa Monica Public Library and Museum. City staff will provide the Museum with a copy of the bylaws.

The Board and museum staff discuss the request to change the hours of operation for the museum. Patty Wong expressed interest in collaborating with the Museum; mutually sharing information to cross promote, and working towards increasing patronage at the Museum.

Secretary's Report

Patty Wong, Director of Library Services highlighted items in her Secretary's Report which included the following:

- Update on Library Capital Improvement Projects; Automated Handling Sorter system replacement at Pico
- Update on Library Services and Programs: Lucky Day collection; Pop-Up Resource Fair for those experience homelessness
- Update of elimination of Library Fees and Fines for children.
- Library staffing, vacancies, and honors
- Staff In-Service Day
- Update on the Library's plans to conduct a Classification Study
- Training and conference staff attendance
- Update of the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library
- Update of the Library Foundation
- Library Safety and Security

Santa Monica Public Library Summer Reading Outcomes Report

Patty Wong shared the outcomes for the 2017 Summer Reading Program for adults.

Discussion of Committee Board Development

Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles gave a brief update of the effort to change the composition of the Library Board by increasing the number of appointed members.

Discussion to explore Amnesty Day to forgive library fines

The Board discussed the opportunity of an Amnesty Day to forgive library fines as part of the review process of eliminating fees and fines for children.

Discussion of a Library Board Retreat

Patty Wong went over the draft retreat agenda and the day's activities for October 14, 2017.

Discussion to endorse Urban Libraries Council Statement on Race and Social Equity

The Board discussed the Urban Libraries Council Statement on Race and Social Equity and voted to endorse the following statement:

“As leaders of North America’s public libraries, we are committed to achieving racial and social equity by contributing to a more just society in which all community members can realize their full potential. Our libraries can help achieve true and sustained equity through an intentional, systemic and transformative library-community partnership. Our library systems are working to achieve equity in the communities we serve by:

- *Eliminating racial and social equity barriers in library programs, services, policies and practices*
- *Creating and maintaining an environment of diversity, inclusion and respect both in our library systems and in all aspects of our community role*
- *Ensuring that we are reaching and engaging disenfranchised people in the community and helping them express their voice*
- *Serving as a convener and facilitator of conversations and partnerships to address community challenges*
- *Being forthright on tough issues that are important to our communities*

Libraries are trusted, venerable and enduring institutions, central to their communities and an essential participant in the movement for racial and social equity.

AYES: Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon and Boardmember Naomi Seligman.

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: Boardmember Victor Davich

ABSENT: Chair Marc Morgenstern

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

None

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

Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon reported back of her experience at the Board and Commission booth at this year’s COAST event held on October 1, 2017.

What Are You Reading?

What Are You Reading? The Board shares what books they are reading, what music they are listening to, or movies they are watching.

Future Agenda Items

The Board discussed possible future agenda items.

Adjournment

On the order of the Vice Chair, Lucien Plauzoles, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Patricia Wong
Library Director

Lucien Plauzoles
Library Board Vice Chair

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