



CITY OF SANTA MONICA LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of February 1, 2018 To Be Approved

Call to Order	Chair, Marc Morgenstern, called a REGULAR meeting of the Santa Monica Library Board to order at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.
Roll Call	<p>PRESENT: Chair Marc Morgenstern, Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Naomi Seligman, and Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>ALSO PRESENT: Patty Wong, Director of Library Services and Rachel Foyt, Senior Administrative Analyst</p>
Public Input	None
Approval of the Library Board Minutes January 4, 2018	<p>Motion by Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, seconded by Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of January 4, 2018. The motion was approved by the following vote:</p> <p>AYES: Chair Marc Morgenstern, Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, and Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon</p> <p>NOES: None</p> <p>ABSTAINING: None</p> <p>ABSENT EXCUSED: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Boardmember Naomi Seligman</p>
Secretary's Report	<p>Patty Wong, Director of Library Services reported that Library Boardmember Victor Davich resigned.</p> <p>Boardmember Naomi Seligman joined the meeting at 7:08 pm.</p>

Ms. Wong highlighted items in her Secretary's Report which included the following:

- A number of Santa Monica Public Library staff participated on the Santa Monica Homeless Count on January 24, 2018.
- At the January 23, 2018 City Council meeting Council unanimously approved elimination of youth (0-18 years) Library fines. Library staff will begin planning implementation of the effort to go into effect in July 2018.
- Staff will update the Board on comparisons and trends in the homeless community around the Library.

City Council Vote on January 23, 2018 to Eliminate Youth (0-18 years) Fines and Next Steps Leading to Implementation in the Library

Ms. Wong reported strong support from all areas of Library staff for a campaign leading up to the July 2018 implementation of the elimination of youth (0-18 years) Library fines.

Staff are meeting and discussing ways to attract kids and teens to the Library and let them know about the elimination of youth fines.

Visit From Greg Lucas, California State Librarian on March 12

The Library Board discussed their participation, the agenda, and schedule for the visit from State Librarian Greg Lucas on March 12. Mr. Lucas will be the keynote speaker at a lunch honoring adult learners and literacy coaches in the Library's Literacy Education for Adults and Families (LEAF) program. Mr. Lucas will also meet with staff and individuals interested in going to or recent graduates of library school programs. The Library Board, Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library, and the Library Foundation will host an evening event at the Main Library to feature Greg Lucas and "The State of California Libraries" followed by a reception.

Follow Up of the January 4, 2018 Library Board Discussion with Lane Dilg, City Attorney

The Board followed up on City Attorney Lane Dilg's visit from January 4, 2018 by discussing the potential of placing a Charter amendment on the ballot seeking to expand the Library Board to seven members. In addition to the Charter amendment, the Board discussed revising and modernizing the language in the Library Board Charter. The Library Board directed staff to follow up with City Attorney Lane Dilg about expansion of the Board and revising and modernizing the language in the Library Board Charter.

The Board asked for an item adjusting the composition of the Library Board ad hoc committees to be agendized for a future Library Board meeting.

Overview of Strengths Finder and Next Steps

Ms. Wong presented an overview of Strengths Finder, which is an assessment tool that helps staff discover what they do best, develop talents, and the ability to help the organization.

Ad hoc Library Board Committee Reports

No report on the Library Foundation.

Library Foundation of Santa Monica

Library Board Task Force on Homelessness

Chair Marc Morgenstern reported on plans for a homeless talent show and a general meeting for homeless patrons at the Main Library. The Library Board Task Force on Homelessness plans to meet on March 6. The meeting is open to the public.

Library Board Development Committee

No report.

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

Boardmember Kathie Sheldon shared an article about the Book of Common Prayer in a Dublin Library that was borrowed in 1840 and recently returned. There was also a Board discussion about Little Free Libraries. Boardmember Naomi Seligman discussed an article she read in *Library Journal* on libraries and the opioid epidemic.

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

No report.

Future Agenda Items

The Board would like to include in a future agenda:

- Preview of the Library Technology Plan
- Authorize the acceptance of a bequest
- Library Board Charter exploration
- Discussion of Library Safety and Security
- Update of Designation of Library Board Committees
- Margaret Willis Administrator, Human Services and Erika Aklufi Sergeant, Homeless Liaison Program are scheduled to attend a future Library Board meeting

Adjournment

On the order of the Chair, Marc Morgenstern, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Patricia Wong
Library Director

Marc Morgenstern
Library Board Chair

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