



CITY OF SANTA MONICA LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of June 7, 2018 To Be Approved

- Call to Order** Chair, Marc Morgenstern, called a SPECIAL meeting of the Santa Monica Library Board to order at 7:04 p.m., Thursday, June 7, 2018 at the Pico Branch Library, Annex Room, 2201 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.
- Roll Call**
- PRESENT:** Chair Marc Morgenstern, Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Arlene Hopkins, and Boardmember Naomi Seligman
- ABSENT:** Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon
- ALSO PRESENT:** Patty Wong, Director of Library Services; Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Admin. Assistant; Silvia Cisneros, Pico Branch Manager; Roger Kelly, Youth Services Librarian III; Jennifer Ullrich, Public Services Librarian
- Public Input** None
- Approval of Minutes of the Library Board Meetings of April 5, 2018 and May 3, 2018**
- Motion by Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, seconded by Boardmember Naomi Seligman to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of April 5, 2018 and May 3, 2018. The motion was approved by the following vote:
- AYES: Chair Marc Morgenstern, Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Naomi Seligman and Boardmember Arlene Hopkins.
- NOES: None
- ABSTAINING: None
- ABSENT: Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon
- Report From Staff on the Plans for the 2018 Summer Reading Program**
- Youth Services Librarian III Roger Kelly and Public Services Librarian I Jennifer Ullrich shared plans for the 2018 Summer Reading Program and provided an update on their outreach efforts. This year's theme is "Reading Takes You Everywhere". Boardmember Naomi Seligman recommended placing announcements in the weekly school folders and exploring additional avenues for reaching students that do not come to the library.
- Secretary's Report**
- Patty Wong, Director of Library Services highlighted items in her Secretary's Report which included the following:
- Pico Wellbeing Project Community Workshop on June 21st
 - The City's movement towards a performance based budget
 - Facility issues faced at Montana Branch Library

- Successful end to Santa Monica Reads
- Library upcoming vacancies and recruitments
- ALA Conference
- Rules of Conduct

Principal Librarian Susan Lamb reported on the recent collaboration with the Disabilities Commission in hosting an art exhibit highlighting Mental Health Awareness Month.

Report on Programs and Services of the Pico Branch Library

Silvia Cisneros, Pico Branch Manager, highlighted successful program and services that have taken place at Pico Branch Library over the last year, including programs where they collaborated with Virginia Avenue Park. In addition, she reported on the number of visitors, hours open to the public, new library cards, programs offered and materials borrowed.

Ms. Cisneros shared a brief video highlighting the “Say Yes to the Prom Dress!”, an event hosted by Pico Branch Library celebrating prom season. Students were able to learn makeup tips and tricks, and participate in a fashion show and dress giveaway.

Discussion of Library Board Elections for Chair and Vice Chair

Boardmembers chose to wait for City Council to elect new Library Board members, and then proceed with elections for Library Board Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Marc Morgenstern and Boardmember Arlene Hopkins have expressed interest in seeking another term.

Discussion of a Library Board Retreat in August

Boardmembers discussed possible dates to hold their annual Library Board Retreat. Availability for the months of August and September will be collected to determine best meeting dates. Boardmember Naomi Seligman suggested having the retreat meeting offsite.

Library Board Working Group Reports

Boardmember Naomi Seligman shared positive feedback from the Library Foundation’s meetings and progress. Boardmember Naomi Seligman is currently working on the save-the-date for a Library Foundation September event.

Library Foundation of Santa Monica, Boardmember Naomi Seligman

Library Board Working Group on Homelessness, Chair Marc Morgenstern

No report.

Library Board Development Working Group, Vice Chair Lu Plauzoles

Library Board Members previously raised the issue of inconsistent eligibility requirements, along with interest in changing the composition of the Board. On June 26, 2018, City Council will review an Information Item examining eligibility requirements for Boards and Commissions. The Library Board is among a group of Boards and Commissions who have eligibility requirements that require members to be “qualified electors” requiring members to be United States citizens.

City staff have elected to move forward with recommending to City Council changes to eligibility requirements from “qualified electors” to “residents”. Changes in the composition of the Library Board will not be recommended at this time.

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

Boardmember Naomi Seligman briefly discussed a recent newsletter on millennials and data strategy.

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

Chair Marc Morgenstern and Vice Chair Lu Plauzoles reported on Santa Monica Reads "Farewell to Manzanar" special events attended.

Boardmember Arlene Hopkins gave positive feedback on programming at Ocean Park Library, highlighting their yoga and meditation series.

**Tour of the Pico
Branch Library**

Silvia Cisneros, Pico Branch Manager led a tour of the Pico Branch Library.

**Future Agenda
Items**

None

Adjournment

Motion by Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, seconded by Boardmember Arlene Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Marc Morgenstern, Vice Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Naomi Seligman and Boardmember Arlene Hopkins.

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Boardmember Kathleen Sheldon

Attest:

Approved:

Patricia Wong

Marc Morgenstern

Library Director

Library Board Chair

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