



CITY OF SANTA MONICA LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of September 4, 2019 To Be Approved

Call to Order	Chair, Lucien Plauzoles, called a special meeting of the Santa Monica Library Board to order at 7:03 p.m., Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in the Montana Avenue Branch, Community Meeting Room, 1704 Montana Ave., Santa Monica.
Roll Call	<p>PRESENT: Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Vice Chair Arlene Hopkins, Boardmember Marcia Ferreira, Boardmember Michael Klein, and Boardmember Naomi Seligman</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>ALSO PRESENT: Patty Wong, Director of Library Services; Rachel Foyt, Senior Administrative Analyst; Stephanie Archer, Librarian III, Montana Ave. Branch Manager; and Gerald Boulware, a member of the public</p>
Public Input	None
Approval of Minutes of the Library Board Meetings of August 1, 2019	<p>Motion by Vice Chair Arlene Hopkins, seconded by Boardmember Marcia Ferreira, to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of August 1, 2019. The motion was approved by the following vote:</p> <p>AYES: Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Vice Chair Arlene Hopkins, Boardmember Marcia Ferreira, Boardmember Michael Klein, and Boardmember Naomi Seligman</p> <p>NOES: None</p> <p>ABSTAINING: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p>
Report on Programs & Services at Montana Branch by Stephanie Archer	<p>Stephanie Archer, Montana Ave. Branch Manager reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Summer Reading Program ended in August. The Branch had 954 youth participants. Staff created a fifteen-hour wall of fame where kids could post their name after completing fifteen hours reading.• Ms. Archer talked about her team at Montana:

- Ingha Chopra, Librarian I, leads youth programs, including the popular story time
- Two library assistants, Kathy Marshall and Traci Keiser
- Montana Ave. Branch has the highest circulation statistics among the branches
- Ms. Archer explained the Branch staff are intentional in their programming choices, making sure programs tie in with the City's and Library's priorities and outcomes
- Career Online High School offered at the Montana Branch is an accredited program that enables students to earn their high school diplomas while gaining career skills. The Library started the program in September 2016. Twenty scholarships have been awarded through Santa Monica Public Library and the California State Library. Nine students have graduated.

Secretary's Report:

Patty Wong, Director of Library Services, highlighted the following information from her report:

- Freshening up the Pico Branch by replacing the exterior canopies and the circulation desk.
- Through a grant from the California State Library the Main Library computer training room received a facelift which allows for flexible use of the space.
- The Library Facilities Master Plan was awarded.
- Chair Lucien Plauzoles and Boardmember Marcia Ferreira attended the City's Human Services Division public meetings for residents to give their feedback on human services programs.
- Please complete the Wellbeing Survey by September 15, 2019.
- The Board is encouraged to attend COAST on Sunday, August 15, 2019 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Review of Los Angeles County Grand Jury Report "Impact of the Homeless on Public Libraries"

The Board reviewed the City of Santa Monica, City Attorney's Office's response to the Los Angeles County Grand Jury Report "Impact of the Homeless on Public Libraries". Discussion followed.

Boardmember Naomi Seligman stepped away at 7:37 pm and returned at 7:39 pm.

Motion by Vice Chair Arlene Hopkins, seconded by Boardmember Michael Klein, to accept the City Attorney's Office's response to the Los Angeles County Grand Jury Report "Impact of the Homeless on Public Libraries." The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Lucien Plauzoles, Vice Chair Arlene Hopkins, Boardmember Marcia Ferreira, Boardmember Michael Klein, and Boardmember Naomi Seligman

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Discussion of a Library Board Retreat

The Library Board discussed dates for the upcoming Library Board retreat.

- First choice: Saturday, November 9, 2019 1:00 – 5:00 pm
- Second choice: Sunday, November 3, 2019 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Vice Chair Arlene Hopkins suggested including a forty-five-minute working session to discuss ideas.

Census 2020 Complete Count Committee

Chair Lucien Plauzoles and Boardmember Marcia Ferreira attended community meetings on the 2020 Census. The Board discussed the role of libraries in the 2020 Census.

Continuing Discussion of a Joint Meeting with Friends of the Library

The Library Boardmembers are interested in attending the next Friends of the Library Board meeting in September 2019.

Library Board Discussion of 2018-19 Library Board Goals

The Board discussed focusing on three Board goals of how the Board can help the Library. Board goals will be revisited at the Board retreat in November.

Vice Chair Arlene Hopkins stepped away at 8:25 pm and returned at 8:26 pm.

Library Board Working Group Report – Report from Boardmember Naomi Seligman

Boardmember Naomi Seligman reported on her recruitment efforts to attract new Library Foundation of Santa Monica volunteers.

Patty Wong, Director of Library Services, highlighted Boardmember Naomi Seligman's efforts in getting the Library an invitation to apply for a Verizon Grant.

Discussion of Future Library Trends, Ranking of Library Trends, and Plans for Placing Trends on Future Agendas

The Board reviewed a list of library trends, discussed their interest in the trends, and which trends would make good topics of research and conversation.

The following suggestions were made:

- Vice Chair Arlene Hopkins suggested combining the potential topics and narrowing them down to five topics.
- Chair Lucien Plauzoles is interested in topics on work, meeting, and study space.
- Boardmember Michael Klein is interested in First Amendment issues and how the issues relate to libraries.

**Reports from
Library
Boardmembers on
Their Attendance at
Library Programs,
Visits to Their
Adopted Branches,
or on
Conversations with
the Community**

Boardmember Naomi Seligman reported on her experience at Dog Days @ the Library which was held at the Main Library on August 24, 2019.

**Future Agenda
Items**

Future agenda items include:

- Next meeting Oct. 3, 2019 at the Main Library
- Update Library Partners - Bookmark Café, Santa Monica History Museum, and Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library

**What Are You
Reading?**

No report.

Adjournment

Chair Lucien Plauzoles adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.

Attest:

Approved:

Patricia Wong

Lucien Plauzoles

Director of Library Services

Library Board Chair

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