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.

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

ABSENT: None

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

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:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

Stephanie Archer, Montana Ave. Branch Manager reported on the following:

- 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.

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

Continuing Discussion of a Joint Meeting with Friends of the Library

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.

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

Library Board Working Group Report – Report from Boardmember Naomi Seligman

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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