

**RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Minutes of: Board of Library Trustees

Date of Meeting: October 23, 2017

Time of Meeting: 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Main Library  
3581 Mission Inn Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92501

Present: Michael Yonezawa - President  
Tom Evans – Vice President  
Arnold Rowe  
Linda Ridgway  
Teresa Seipel  
Dwight Tate

Staff: Tonya Kennon, Library Director  
Alex Nguyen, Assistant City Manager  
Erin Christmas, Assistant Library Director  
George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager  
Angela Henson, Sr. Management Analyst

Absent: Jose Alcala - Secretary  
Donna Goldware

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Yonezawa.

**Item 1 Public Comment**

**Item 2 Approve September 25, 2017 minutes**

The minutes of the Board of Library Trustees meeting of September 25, 2017 were approved as presented.

Motion: Evans  
Second: Ridgway  
Ayes: Unanimous

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Item 3 Accept Trust Fund Expenditures**

**Item 4 Formal Acceptance of Gift Fund Donations of \$1,000 or more**

**Item 5 Incident Reports**

**Item 6 Absence Trustee Tate – September 25, 2017**

Consent Items 3, 4 and 6:

Motion: Ridgway  
Second: Rowe  
Ayes: Unanimous

Consent Item 5:

Trustee Seipel requested discussion on why several branches had no incidents. Director Kennon replied that activity is random depending on guard coverage, weather etc.

Motion: Rowe  
Second: Ridgway  
Ayes: Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

**Item 7 New Main Library Project Update**

Director Kennon provided an update on the New Main Library Project. The update included the City Council approval on October 3, 2017, to recommended 3-story design for the Main Library Project; amended the Measure Z Five-Year spending plan allocating \$9,692,600 from the Police Headquarters Project to the Main Library Project; and directed staff to proceed with bidding the project for the new Main Library construction at 3911 University Avenue. Staff to return to the City Council in 90 days to present information on the recommended 4,000 square foot centralized City Archive within the Main Library to be funded separately from Measure Z.

No action taken.

**Item 8 Cancel November 27 and December 25 Regular Board of Library Trustees Meetings Due to the Upcoming Local Holiday and Vacations**

Director Kennon recommended that the Board of Library Trustees: 1) Cancel the regularly scheduled meeting of November 27; and 2) Cancel the regularly

scheduled Board of Library Trustees meeting of December 25 in observance of local holiday.

Motion: Ridgway  
Second: Seipel  
Ayes: Unanimous

**Item 9      Pew Research Article "Millennials are the Most Likely Generation of Americans to Use Public Libraries"**

Director Kennon provided an article from the PEW Research Center findings from a fall 2016 survey indicate that "53% of Millennials say they used a library or bookmobile in the previous 12 months." High Millennial use of Libraries may be the extensive use of computers and internet connections, literacy programs, meeting spaces, exploration in technology devices such as the 3-D printers.

Report findings help inform collection development at the Library and are in line with local reading trends and support the city being recognized as a place millennials can flock to.

No action taken.

**Item 10      California State Library Awards 2017-2018 "Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver Your Library" Project in the amount of \$5,000**

Director Kennon informed Trustees of a recent award received from the California State Library on "Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver your Library" Project in the amount of \$5,000.

The Riverside Public Library submitted an application to the California State Library to participate in "Maximizing Learning Spaces or How to MacGyver Your Library" project. The project submitted was to enhance the children and teen spaces at the La Sierra Library. The La Sierra Library is the only Riverside Public Library location without space dedicated to interactive learning for these age groups. Participation in this project will enable La Sierra Library to create a more welcoming space for customers and to better meet the needs of families with toddlers, school aged youth, and teens.

The Library will receive \$5,000 toward the purchase of movable furniture or materials that will support and enhance the new design. Staff will engage children and caregivers following regularly scheduled early learning programs to determine their desires in the new space, especially as it relates to seating and interactive learning elements. Elements currently being considered for

the children's space are comfy seating options for children and caregivers, interactive learning panels, educational/sensory rugs, and shelving that allows for books to be displayed face out. Staff is considering partitions to better define study space, modular chairs with desk tables for teens, bar height seating for group work and modern lighting fixtures and décor.

The grant term is for one year beginning on August 31, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

No action taken.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION

**Item 11      Brief reports on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Board of Library Trustees Members**

Barbara Purvis to receive an award at CLA conference on November 2 for her recognition as an advocate for the Library.

**Item 12      Items for future Board of Library Trustees consideration as requested by Board Members**

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:33 p.m.  
Submitted by: Angela Henson

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Jose Alcala, Secretary