

**RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Minutes of: Special Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Date of Meeting: March 28, 2017
Time of Meeting: 5:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Main Library
3581 Mission Inn Ave.
Riverside, CA 92501

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

Staff: Erin Christmas, Assistant Library Director
George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager
Angela Henson, Sr. Management Analyst

Absent: Jose Alcala - Secretary
Arnold Rowe

CALL TO ORDER

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

Item 1 Public Comment

Sue Struthers spoke about Children's Book Week posters and requested this item be placed on the Board of Library Trustees April agenda for further discussion. Karen Cramer spoke about Children's Book Week posters. Barbara Purvis of the Friends of the Library spoke on the Children's Book Week posters and invited Trustees for the Friends Annual meeting on April 2 at SSgt Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library with speaker Rickerby Hinds of UCR Hip Hop Theater.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

Item 2 Main Library Update Architect Selection – Standing Item

Assistant Director Erin Christmas provided an update on the Main library architect selection. On March 2, 2017, the Project Review Committee (Committee) interviewed the 4 top architect teams. The Committee was comprised of Trustee Tate, Library Director Kennon, Assistant Library Director Christmas, Administrative Services Manager Guzman, Deputy Director of

Community and Economic Development Ramirez, General Services Director Carey, General Services Project Manager Villanueva, and local businessman Vincent McCoy. Following interviews, the Committee scores revealed Johnson Favaro as the top firm. Staff submitted this recommendation to the City Manager for consideration and approval. The next step is to negotiate an agreement with Johnson Favaro followed by submission to the City Council.

Trustee Tate commented on Design team involved on library design in this area and is an outstanding addition to the downtown library project with strong community engagement skills. Trustee Evans inquired what the timing is going forward and Assistant Library Director Christmas responded that once the City negotiates an agreement it will be presented the City Council in May 2017.

Item 3 Library Department priorities for Budget Engagement Commission Measure Z spending

President Yonezawa began the discussion by asking Trustees about the Library Department's priorities for Budget Engagement Commission Measure Z spending. The Budget Engagement Commission is slated for April 6, 2017. The recommendation are to 1) Approve the Library Department's priorities to include continued support of critical capital investment of the new Main Library; 2) Approve reinstatement of 1 Full Time Equivalent Library Assistant position defunded to address security needs; 3) Approve funding for a new city-owned SPC. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library, and 4) Select an authorized representative to speak at the April 6, Budget Engagement Commission meeting.

Trustee Tate inquired if possible to reverse the order of recommendation 2 and 3 changing the priority to recommendation 2) Approving funding for a new City owned SPC. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library instead of leasing and 3) Approve reinstatement of 1 Full Time Equivalent Library Assistant position defunded to address security needs. Administrative Services Manager Guzman commented from a funding stand point the Library Assistant position is approximately \$66,000 annual funding versus a new library. Trustee Goldware requested comment from Guzman on the end date of the Eastside Lease and the impacts as both these items are equally time sensitive. Guzman discussed the citywide priorities and in early January Trustees requested a report from Community and Economic Development on parcels available for the Duran Eastside Library. Guzman recommended inviting the Community and Economic Department to speak that the May Board of Library Trustees meeting. Goldware added that if the parcels are city owned then at least it would be easier to facilitate the move. Yonezawa indicated the cost of moving collections and furniture is a

huge financial investment. If moving it then move it to a long term. Is it fiscally responsible to pay a lease yearly versus a long term property ownership?

Evans discussed order of priorities to consider first, Main library; second approving funding for a new City owned SPC. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library instead of leasing; and third approve reinstatement of 1 Full Time Equivalent Library Assistant position defunded to address security needs. Discussion among Trustees to strategize on relaying the priorities to the Budget Engagement Committee and nominating President Yonezawa as representative to speak at the April 6, Budget Engagement Commission meeting.

Motion made by Trustee Tate to 1) Approve support of critical capital investment of the new Main Library; 2) Approve funding for a new city-owned SPC. Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library; 3) Approve reinstatement of 1 Full Time Equivalent Library Assistant position defunded to address security needs, and 4) Select an authorized representative to speak at the April 6, Budget Engagement Commission meeting at 5 p.m.

Second: Ridgway
Ayes: Unanimous

Item 4 Absence of Michael Yonezawa February 27, 2017

Determine whether Trustee Michael Yonezawa's absence from the regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees on February 27, 2017, should be recorded as excused or unexcused.

Motion made by Trustee Evans to excuse the absence.
Second: Goldware
Ayes: Unanimous

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

The next meeting date is April 24, 2017, at 5 p.m. at Main Library Auditorium, 3581 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA, 92501.

Submitted by: Angela Henson


Jose Alcala Secretary

