



NATIONAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

February 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Library Board of Trustees of the National City Public Library was called to order by President Godshalk at 5:32 p.m. on February 5, 2020.

ROLL CALL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT: Margaret Godshalk, President
Ray Juarez, Vice-President
Bradley Bang, Trustee
Sherry Gogue, Trustee
Coyote Moon, Alternate Trustee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ABSENT: Cheryl Howrey-Colmenero, Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Minh Duong, City Librarian
Angil Morris-Jones, City Attorney

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

PUBLIC: Steve Hicks
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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 8, 2020**
3. **Approval of Library Warrants**

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar

Motion: Bang / Second: Gogue

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. **Brown Act and Public Meetings Update and Clarification** – City Attorney Morris-Jones. §54953.5. Right to record proceedings; conditions; audio or video recordings made by or under direction of local agencies. (See attached)
 - As part of their constitutional right, any person attending an open/public meeting has the right to record the proceedings with an audio/video recorder or a still/motion picture camera.
 - By law, agencies recording their meetings have to keep the recordings for 30 days. They are not required to record their meetings but recording allows them to pay more attention

to the meeting without being distracted by taking notes/minutes. Any person can ask for a copy of the recording within 30 days of the meeting.

- When a person asks for something, that'll become a public record.
- Trustee Bang – Can the Library Board ask to see or have access to public comments and assessments?
 - o City Attorney Morris-Jones – It has nothing to do with being a library board or not. Any individual can have access to public records. When an assessment becomes a final document, it becomes a public record. Some public records are exempt from disclosure like personnel records or victims of certain crimes.
- Trustee Gogue – are personal notes a public record?
 - o City Attorney Morris-Jones – Notes is a draft, not something permanent that is kept in the regular course of the business and maintained.
- Alternate Trustee Moon – is there a requirement that video recordings have to be operational?
 - o City Attorney Morris-Jones – No legal requirement that videos have to be operational. If the meeting was recorded, the recording has to be kept for 30 days.

5. Discussion – Borrowing Policy and Grace Period.

Currently the loan period for books and magazines is 28 days with the option for one-time renewal for another 2 weeks. Although the Library encourages borrowers to return their materials before the due date to avoid incurring late fees, the library automation system is programmed to give borrowers a 5-day grace period with overdue fines only starting to kick in on the 6th day following the due date.

MAYOR SOTELO-SOLIS VISIT – The Mayor wished the board and the public a happy new year; reiterated her support for all members of the community; and shared some good news about what's going on in the city.

- Census 2020 message – the goal is to count and make sure the 0 – 5 and 65+ population is included.
- At the February 4th meeting, the Council approved: 1) a 400-unit affordable housing complex project, Roosevelt Tower at 233 Roosevelt Ave., for residents earning between 30 – 80% AMI (average median income) families. For a family of four, the 2019 median income in the County of San Diego is \$80-85,000; in National City it is about \$41,000. This project will allow National City to expand housing opportunities to very low, low, and moderate-income families. By law, National City has to meet the number of 5,487 housing units in 8 years; and 2) funding transportation infrastructure, transit-related amenities/programs in the vicinity of the proposed housing project.
- Partnership with UCSD to open an educational hub extending the university's reach to an underserved region of the county and offering classes, community lectures and engagement at an intense level, thus bringing education and job opportunities to National City.

CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

1. **State of the City Address.** Mayo Sotelo-Solis extends the invite to everyone to her State of the City Address to be held Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 6:00pm at the MLK Community Center, 140 E. 12th Street, National City. RSVP (619) 336-4284.
2. **Annual Election of Officers** - will be held at the March meeting.
3. **Website Pictures** - The Library will be taking pictures of new board members at the next meeting for the library's website.

OTHER REPORTS – Friends of the Library – Margaret Godshalk

The Friends had 3 Christmas baskets at the December Quarterly Breakfast and sold over \$60 in books, in total almost \$300 at the Christmas Breakfast.

The Friends are considering having a Susan B. Anthony’s anniversary celebration event. No firm date yet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Public Comments (3 minutes)

Steve Hicks – 1. Sexual Revolution never a grass root movement; just a movement of elite justifying their preferred lifestyle and allowing them unprecedented control over others. 2. Sexual abuse of minors by the clergy: data released by the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report (available on the Ruth Institute website) shows a strong 90% correlation between the increased percentage of same sex oriented men in the church and the incidence of abuse of male victims by the clergy. 3. Sexualizing and exposing children to hyper-sexualization is a kind of grooming and setting up standards whereby children are expected to behave and become victimizable later on. Drag Queen Story Time is some kind of grooming as well.

BOARD TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION

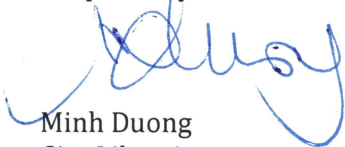
- Trustee Bang – 1. Southern Poverty Law Center and their designated hate groups (Family Research Council, Alliance Defending Freedom, Mass Resistance. 2. Urged the library board to focus on factual information, to determine how to support tolerance in our society so people are accepted no matter their differences, to support policies that help everyone feel included; in short work on building our sense of community. Trustee Bang reiterated that’s the reason why he originally supported the DQSH - and still does - but he’s also willing to look at other ways to develop tolerance. He suggested the board review other positive examples to teach children to understand it’s important to accept people who are different.
- President Godshalk –SPLC has re-designated Mass resistance from a hate group to anti-LBGT.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting: Gogue / Juarez, 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:445 p.m. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Minh Duong
City Librarian