



**NATIONAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
*Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees*

*Minutes*

*March 4, 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 5:30 p.m. on March 4, 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

PUBLIC: Steve Hicks  
Joan Rincon  
Ted Godshalk

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 5, 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. Discussion - Public Comments** – City Attorney Morris-Jones.
  - Trustee Bang withdrew his request to get a copy of the suggestion box's public comments. Going forward, the Library will no longer have a suggestion box.
  - The Library Board of Trustees are policy makers. They do not deal with personnel matters. Day to day operation is the City Librarian's responsibilities.Other clarifications:
  - Board Meeting Agenda is required to be posted 72 hours before the meeting, by Sunday at the latest. If possible the packet will have backup documents. Warrants cannot be part of

the backup documents as the Library needs to process as many warrants as possible right until the day of the meeting date since the Board only meets once a month.

- The City Attorney's Office through Deputy Attorney Contreras will work with the Library Board to develop By Laws for the Library Board.
- There is no legal requirement to record a meeting. The public may record or videotape the meeting. The Library records the meeting only for the purpose of doing the minutes, not to memorialize it.

**5. New Location for monthly Board meetings** – Starting April 2020, the Library Board of Trustees monthly meetings will be moved to City Hall Large Conference Room at 1243 National City Blvd., National City, CA 91950 at the usual date and time (first Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm). At their March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council will be adopting a resolution for all committees to meet in the Large Conference Room at City Hall where currently most of the boards such as Traffic Safety; Arts, Parks and Rec; Police Commission; Planning Commission already met. There is more security at City Hall, more space to accommodate the public as well as ADA requirements.

**6. Annual Election of Board Officers.** The Board has voted to postpone the Annual Election of Board Officers to the next meeting or to when a full board is in attendance.

Motion: Gogue / Second: Bang

Vote: Ayes: 4            Nays: 0

Public Request to Speak to item #6: Steve Hicks – Urged the board not to support the movement to push Drag Queen Story Hour in front of minor children and reject any vote for officers beholden to the kind of influence.

**7. Annual Report to City Council.** Ordinance 2013-2381, Chapter 16.01.10 calls for the library board of trustees to provide a report to the city council on matters and/or statistical information deemed expedient by the board for the year ending the previous June 30 on or before August 31 of each year. City Librarian will work with the Board on the scope and content of the report and suggested Board Members to give input at the next meeting on what they feel should be included in the report.

## **CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT** – No report

## **OTHER REPORTS** – Friends of the Library – Margaret Godshalk

- Planning an event sometime in August to celebrate women's right to vote (100-year celebration): cookies and tea with the Friends' President dressing up as Susan B. Anthony and materials from the History room set out.
- The Book Club led by the Library and sponsored by the Friends is going very well, regular attendance of 10 – 12 book lovers every month.
- The Friends continues to recruit volunteers to work in the Bookstore.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION**

### **Public Comments** (3 minutes)

\*Steve Hicks – Comments on SPLC (Southern Poverty Law Center).

\*Joan Rincon – Good collaboration between National City Library, San Diego County Library, and National City Adult School.

## BOARD TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION

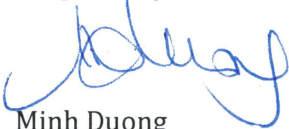
- Trustee Bang – responded to the comments from a public speaker on SPLC; bringing the Drag Queen Story Hour idea to National City was meant to help us learn tolerance in our society and look for ways to build tolerance.
- President Godshalk – our Library has always been welcoming; its’ an institution that is for everyone, opened for everyone in the community.
- Alternate Trustee Moon – intolerance against LBGT is not something in the past, it’s happening now.
- Trustee Gogue – loves online book library however holds put on books since October are still not filled yet. City Librarian Duong explained that, as part of the SERRA consortium libraries, National City Library has access to a collective ebook collection, which is available to patrons of all SERRA consortium libraries. Nevertheless, it should not have taken that long.
- Trustee Juarez – attended yesterday Read Across America at the National School District. We assume adults can read and write, but there are people functioning without that ability. Happy that the library works with the school district and that we have a library for people to come.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Minh Duong  
City Librarian