



# NATIONAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## *Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees*

*Minutes*

*May 5, 2021*

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### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees of the National City Public Library was called to order by President Gogue at 5:31 p.m. on May 5, 2021.

### ROLL CALL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT: Sherry Gogue, President  
Bradley Bang, Secretary  
Margaret Godshalk, Trustee  
Raymond Juarez, Trustee  
Coyote Moon, Trustee  
Paula Gapp, Alternate Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Minh Duong, City Librarian  
Anne Defazio, Principal Librarian  
Alex Neu, Sr. Library Technician

### CONSENT CALENDAR

**1. Approval of Agenda for May.**

*Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting of May 5, 2021*

Motion: Godshalk/Second: Juarez

Vote: Ayes: 5            Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 2021**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2021*

Motion: Bang /Second: Godshalk

Vote: Ayes: 5            Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**3. Approval of April 2021 Library Warrants:**

*Motion to approve the warrants in the revised amount of \$33,247.91.*

Motion: Godshalk / Second: Bang

Vote: Ayes: 5            Nays: 0

Motion carried.

### NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**4. Review of Children's Programming Policy (continued) - Secretary Bang**

- Secretary Bang indicated that he connected with Trustee Moon who recommended website *Akidsbooksabout.com* that publishes for children on topics such as sexual

abuse, belonging, empathy, shame, gratitude, money, gender, suicide, diversity, and being transgender.

Secretary Bang made a motion to put on the agenda for the June 2 meeting review of the titles the library has in its collection on the above topics.

*Motion for the Library Board to review the titles the Library collection has on the topics of sexual abuse, belonging, empathy, shame, gratitude, money, gender, suicide, diversity, and being transgender.*

Motion: Bang / Second:

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

- Secretary Bang felt that it is “completely appropriate for the Board and members of the community to present ideas to the Library Board for future presentations. These ideas could be from a simple read-aloud to a more thorough presentation or series of presentations. The Board needs to consider that children program ideas need to be presented and approved by the Board before being passed on to the Library Staff for inclusion in their collection.”
- There was a discussion on the role of the Board and the role of the Librarian. Trustee Godshalk suggested that a workshop will help the Board understand their role. Trustee Juarez agreed.
- Trustee Moon suggested the Library to have a program to celebrate Pride Month in July.

*Motion to put on the June 2 agenda discussion of a program in July to celebrate LBGT month.*

Motion: Moon / Second: Bang

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Trustee Moon then amended her original motion to:

*Motion to put on the June 2 agenda discussion on flying the Pride flag at the Library in celebration of LBGT month.*

Motion: Moon / Second: Bang

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

## **CITY LIBRARIAN AND PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN’S REPORTS**

- **Laptop lending Program-Alex Neu:** Sr. Library Technician Alex Neu reported that the new laptop program target rollout date would be June, 2021. He explained that these laptops are specifically funded to promote adult literacy.
- **Presentation of Little Free Libraries-Anne Defazio** Principal Librarian Defazio explained the Little Free Library Project, funded by District 1 new County Supervisor, Nora Vargas. This program is being promoted through the San Diego County Library Director, Migell Acosta. The Library is offered ten little libraries with installation. The Library is working with Neighborhood Services and City Planning to locate safe and favorable walking/biking traffic locations. The Board was asked for their suggestions and suggested pools, parks, the Golf Course, Trolley Station, Paradise Valley Village, and Casa de Salud.

- **16-Weeks of STEAM Presentation** Principal Librarian Defazio updated the Board on the progress on the NC 16 Weeks of STEAM program that has some 700 registrants and some 100 finishers. Defazio explained to the Board the background on STEAM in San Diego and how it is important to our regional economy. Library participation and support will help support STEAM learning in NC school districts to fill local jobs in future. Defazio also mentioned the partnership from UCSD Extension/Sally Ride Science that has provided five programs free to the Library. There are 99 registrants.

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

- The Friends of the Library met in May for the first time in a year and are waiting for the Library to reopen. They will meet again next month.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION – None**

**BOARD TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION**

- ❖ Trustee Godshalk informed the Board that the budgeted positions for the library are showing as having been reduced from 22.85 positions to 5.5 FTE. Librarian Duong assured the Board that there are some omissions in the budget that will be corrected. Godshalk went on to mention that the next Council meeting on May 18 will have the budget as an item.
- ❖ Trustee Juarez inquired about the Library reopening and Librarian Duong explained that we are in Phase 1 of reopening with new Computer Center hours.
- ❖ Trustee Godshalk inquired about getting a GED through the Library and Librarian Duong explained that there are two programs: one for a GED and one for a diploma, provided by the County of San Diego. Librarian Duong went on to mention that two people have gotten their diploma through this program through the Library Literacy Services.
- ❖ Trustee Godshalk communicated to President Gogue that Assistant City Manager, Tony Winney, would be reaching out regarding the Library and Community Services Director position interviews, scheduled for May 18.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn meeting*

Motion: Bang / Second: Juarez

Vote: Ayes: 5            Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anne Defazio**

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