



NATIONAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

June 2, 2021

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 June 2, 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Raulston, City Manager
Tony Winney, Assistant City Manager

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

- ❖ City Manager Brad Raulston and Assistant City Manager Tony Winney congratulated Minh Duong on her retirement and thanked Minh for her many years of service. City Manager mentioned that they are in the process of selecting a new Library Director and that a selection would be made within the next few weeks.
- ❖ Library Director Minh Duong thanked the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and colleagues for their leadership and support and thanked the Library Board for their passion to the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting of June 2, 2021

Motion: Bang / Second: Godshalk

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 5, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2021

Motion: Godshalk / Second: Juarez

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

3. Approval of May 2021 Library Warrants:

Motion to approve the warrants in the revised amount of \$6647.95.

Motion: Bang / Second: Moon

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. **Review of the titles** the Library has in its collection on the topics of sexual abuse, belonging, empathy, shame, gratitude, money, gender, suicide, diversity, and being transgender-Secretary Bang- Principal Librarian Defazio presented a partial list of titles that the library has on the noted topics. Defazio also showed some new children's titles that include some of the topics. Board member Secretary Bang asked that we revisit the publisher *AKidsBookAbout.com* for possible titles to purchase on these topics at the next Library Board meeting.

5. **Discussion on flying the Pride flag**-Trustee Moon. Trustee Moon and Secretary Bang expressed that they would like to see more LGBTQIA programming in support of the LGBTQIA community in National City. Director Duong agreed that she would include Pride month on the next Library calendar. The Board has requested that if the Council approves the flying of the Pride flag on June 15, that a Pride flag will be flown at the library on the flag pole outside. *Motion to fly a Pride flag at the Library on the flag pole outside the Library if the National City Council approves the flying of the Pride flag on City buildings on June 15.*
Motion: Bang / Second: Moon
Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

CITY LIBRARIAN AND PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN'S REPORTS

- ❖ Director Duong thanked the Library Board for their passion in support of library services and acknowledged the strong staff for their support over the years.
- ❖ **Update on the Summer Reading Program (SRP)-Principal Defazio:** The SRP begins June 1 through July 31 and participants of all ages can earn prizes for reading: either one prize for every five hours of reading (30 minutes a day) for children, and one prize for every ten hours of reading for teens and adults. This year, the program includes all ages. The Library is supporting the schools and teachers by requesting 30 minutes of reading each day from participants to help in reducing summer slide.

OTHER REPORTS – Friends of the Library – Margaret Godshalk: The Friends will be meeting on June 16. The Friends will decide when to reopen the bookstore.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION – Via email

None

BOARD TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION

- ❖ Secretary Bang, Trustees Moon, Godshalk, and Juarez commented that the library collection and programming should be reflective of community culture that include LGBTQIA and immigration issues.
- ❖ Trustee Moon mentioned concern of pushback from community on Library inclusion of LGBTQIA programming but that more inclusiveness is necessary for Library to be welcoming to National City LGBTQIA residents.
- ❖ President Gogue enquired about Library donation program.
- ❖ Trustee Godshalk enquired about the Library Strategic Plan and Library Director Duong told her that there would be new staff objectives and budget updates as well at next Library Board meeting.

- ❖ Trustees Godshalk, Juarez, and President Gogue acknowledged Director Duong’s helpfulness and support to the Board and to Library volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting: Moon/Gogue

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Defazio

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