



NATIONAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

November 3, 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 5:30 p.m. on November 3, 2021.

ROLL CALL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT: Sherry Gogue, President
Bradley Bang, Secretary
Margaret Godshalk, Trustee
Anzueth Zambrano, Trustee
Coyote Moon, Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Joyce Ryan, City Librarian
Anne Defazio, Principal Librarian

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION – No public comments

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting of November 3, 2021

Motion: Bang / Second: Godshalk

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 6, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2021

Motion: Moon/ Second: Godshalk

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

3. Approval of October 2021 Library Warrants:

Motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$11,077.51.

Motion: Bang/ Second: Moon

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. **Workshop on Roles and Responsibilities-Secretary Bang, Trustee Godshalk.** Director Ryan stated that the California State Library is creating workshops for library board members and training will be available after January 2022.
5. **Little Free Libraries Donation from San Diego County Update.** Director Ryan gave an update to the process of receiving the Little Free Libraries donation and getting approval from the Board and National City Council is part of the process. Director Ryan went on to explain that locations have been identified and the Library will collaborate with ARTS for painting.
6. **Discussion Regarding Mitigation of Library Fines-Secretary Bang, Trustees Moon and Godshalk**-Director Ryan explained the various fine solutions that other libraries have adopted to inform the Board of the various fine mitigation opportunities. Director Ryan also presented the *American Library Association Resolution on Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity*, presented

at the 2019 ALA Midwinter Meeting. NCPL is one of four libraries that is still charging fines in the County. Director Ryan must take this issue to Council, but there might be a fee impact study required. There was also the discussion of past fine elimination. Director Ryan pointed out a statistic from Chicago Public Library in which book returns increased 240% when fines were eliminated because patrons were no longer afraid to return items.

Motion to approve the removal of Library fines

Motion: Bang/ Second: Moon

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

CITY LIBRARIAN REPORT

- **Broken window replacement**-Director Ryan reported that the broken window was replaced within a few days and Director Ryan thanked Public Works for their quick work.
- **Staffing and recruitment**-Director Ryan reported that the Library has hired two new Part-Time librarians for the Local History Room and the Reference Desk. The Library has just completed recruitments for Library Technician PT, Office Aide PT and Library Assistant PT. The Senior Library Technician (FT) position will be opened soon.
- **Library Hours survey**- Director Ryan reported that there haven't been enough responses on which to base in decisions for any changes in hours.

PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN REPORT

- **Library upcoming events**-Principal Librarian Defazio reported on upcoming events for children and families that the Library will host or participate in as a partner for Library outreach. Principal Defazio thanked the Friends for their assistance stuffing bags.

OTHER REPORTS – Friends of the Library – Margaret Godshalk-The bookstore workroom has a new chair. The bookstore is open. The Friends would like to provide books for the Little Free Libraries.

BOARD TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION

- Secretary Bang would like clarity on the boundaries between the Library Board and the Library Director
- Secretary Bang appreciates the location of a Little Free Library on the East side of 805.
- Trustee Godshalk suggested that the Library consider reusable bags, ribbons, or other environmentally friendly packaging for Library event giveaways
- Secretary Bang requested an overview and spreadsheet of the Library database subscriptions and fees to be better informed

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

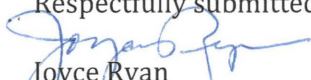
Motion: Bang/ Second: Moon

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joyce Ryan

Director of Library and Community Services