

**MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

January 15, 2013
5:00 P.M.
Central Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vogel, Cox, Daugherty, Lewis, Miles and Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Croteau

STAFF PRESENT: Beverage, Blassingame

COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT: None

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:

Ms. Beverage announced that Janet Judson was selected to receive the Melville Dewey Employee Recognition Award for the month of December. She was recognized specifically for dealing with a difficult patron on the computers and his printing problems.

MINUTES: NOVEMBER 20, 2012

VICE-CHAIR VOGEL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 20, 2012 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. SO MOVED BY MR. MILES, AND SO SECONDED BY MR. MOORE. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2012 WERE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gloria Alvarez was in attendance and spoke as a member of the Historic Resource Board asking first if each Library Board member had received a packet submitted in late December. She then provided background information to the Library Board members, asking for their support of the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of the Main Street branch located in Triangle Park in downtown Huntington Beach. Ms. Alvarez shared a letter submitted to the National Register by Huntington Beach Mayor Connie Boardman supporting the nomination and asked the Board for a similar endorsement. Mr. Moore asked if vacating tenants from the rental areas of the building would affect the status and Ms. Beverage commented that it should not. Mr. Moore asked if the National Register classification protected the use of the building or the building itself. Ms. Beverage commented that only the building itself it protected, maintaining the integrity of the original structure.

Ms. Alvarez explained that the deadline to submit a letter of support was February 1, 2013.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Miles asked for an emergency measure to bring the item to the agenda in light of the deadline being prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. The Board was in agreement and so discussed the item.

A motion was presented:

VICE-CHAIR VOGEL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO DRAFT A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF THE MAIN STREET LIBRARY BRANCH STRUCTURE TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES TO BE DISTRIBUTED AND REVIEWED FOR APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION BY THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. SO MOVED BY MR. MILES, AND SO SECONDED BY MR. LEWIS. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, MOTION WAS ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

Mr. Miles offered to draft the letter by January 22, 2013 and distribute to the Library Board of Trustees for review. He added that it needed to be in the mail by January 30, 2013.

Ms. Alvarez was thanked for her time and she left the meeting.

Vice-Chair Vogel asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Ms. Blassingame asked Vice-Chair Vogel to sign the August meeting minutes, and Chair Croteau to sign the October meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

F-1. Library Board of Trustees vacancies.

Ms. Beverage explained that some of the positions of the Library Board of Trustees were coming to the end of term on June 30, 2013, and that there were no longer term limits for those positions. She instructed interested Board members to inform Ms. Blassingame if they were no longer interested in serving on the Library Board. Ms. Blassingame explained that if any Library Board member was interested in renewing their terms on the Library Board they would need to submit a letter to the City Clerk stating such interest.

Vice-Chair Vogel asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

F-2. 2012 Election Final.

Ms. Beverage reported that Measure Z did not pass and that the current Fiscal Year budget remained balanced. She explained that the elimination of the Redevelopment Agency by the State of California requires that the City return some funds to the State and that process is still in negotiation.

Mr. Moore asked when the library budget might be increased and Ms. Beverage commented that it would depend on the economy. She added that she hoped to request some increases in the next Fiscal Year.

Ms. Beverage reported that the position of Senior Librarian that has been in a Hiring Freeze since January 2012 was reopened and was moving through Finance, and she hoped to have a new librarian with a strong technology background.

Vice-Chair Vogel asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

F-3. Holiday Closure.

Ms. Beverage provided a summary of the 2012 Holiday Closure, explaining that the time the library was closed was longer than the previous year. She explained that operations went smoothly, and on Christmas Eve there was a power outage due to a faulty transformer but that generators were utilized for the refrigerators and the Aquarium.

Vice-Chair Vogel asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

F-4. Pitch-An-Idea grant.

Ms. Beverage reported on the Pitch-An-Idea grant supported by the California State Library, and the idea submitted by the Huntington Beach Public library for Pop-Up Beach Libraries. She will participate in a conference call on Friday, January 18, 2013 to discuss the idea further with the State Representative in charge of the program.

Vice-Chair Vogel asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

F-5. CALIFA information.

Ms. Beverage distributed the CALIFA group annual report and reviewed it with the Library Board members, including the ENKI eBook platform, the Local History digital resource project, and the OpenSource library.

Vice-Chair Vogel asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

F-6. Library Policy Development.

Ms. Beverage explained that the Private Tutors in the Library policy was developed to address the behavior of some tutors utilizing the Central, Oak View and Main Street library locations and provided some examples.

VICE-CHAIR VOGEL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE PRIVATE TUTORS IN THE LIBRARY POLICY. SO MOVED BY MR. MOORE, AND SO SECONDED BY MS. VOGEL. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, MOTION WAS ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

Vice-Chair Vogel asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ms. Blassingame distributed information on the Oak View literacy program as well as a fundraiser flyer. Ms. Cox reported on the upcoming literacy fundraiser, “Wine & Words” and a Run/Walk/Read 5K.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HB READS

Mr. Moore reported on an upcoming leadership course for teens titled B.A.R.E. to Make a Difference, focusing on tools to help curb bullying, as a part of the HB Reads 2013 campaign. He also directed Board members to visit the HB Reads website for more information on other upcoming events.

Friends of the Library

Ms. Blassingame distributed the January 26, 2013 Author’s Luncheon flyer.

Orange County, California Genealogy Society

Ms. Beverage reported that the Orange County, California Genealogy Society will be hosting a large Genealogy BASH on Saturday, March 2, 2013 in an effort to increase awareness in the program and to increase the membership as well.

CPLA (California Public Library Advocates) formerly CALTAC

Mr. Moore reported on the next CPLA workshop to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 in the Whittier branch featuring keynote speaker John Chrastka. Ms. Blassingame asked that the Library Board members inform her of their interest in participating.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS:

None

STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Vogel entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Miles moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Cox seconded the motion. There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Faith Vogel
Vice-Chair