

**Escondido Public Library Board of Trustees
MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 10, 2013 2:00 p.m.
Library Board Room**

CALL TO ORDER: Board Secretary Loh-Hagan called the meeting to order at 2:17 pm.

Members Present: Virginia Loh-Hagan, Mirek Gorny, Kathy Eisler

Members Absent: Elmer Cameron, Gary Knight

Staff Present: Interim City Librarian Cynthia Smith, Janet Rulien, Board Secretary

Other Guests: Patricia Mues, Dollie McQuiston

WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Patricia Mues stated that she was attending to comment on Items 9b and 9d on the Agenda. She further stated she was acting as a member of Escondido's Future group. Ms. Mues stated that it was absolutely necessary to plan the expansion of the library with community support. Ms. Mues also noted that the group Escondido's Future could help get the word out at the appropriate time via email blasts. The Board thanked her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC Eisler/Gorny to approve the minutes as written. Vote 3/0.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS: After today's meeting, the Board will take a tour of the Pioneer Room.

PROJECT UPDATES: On December 19, 2012 the consulting agreement for the conceptual design contract for the Library Expansion project was approved by the City Council. The contract is in the signature cycle. We are waiting to hear from City Hall when it will be approved so we can start moving ahead with this project. The Board's Libraries of the Future series dubbed "Mission Possible" will be held on January 30, 2013. The program is all set up and speakers have been confirmed. Federal E-Rate discount was applied for again for Internet services. Smith briefly described the E-Rate process.

BOARD NEWS/ISSUES: Trustee Eisler asked to have Library Board of Trustees meeting time and attendance as an agenda item next month and asked the staff to check into the logistics of changing meeting times.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Community Services and Library Infrastructure: Smith reported on the recruitment for a new Director of Library and Community Services and said that the Library would be doing a reorganization of staff duties after the Director position is filled.

Escondido Library Priorities: FY 2013-14: The Library staff revisited 2012-13 priorities. The Board discussed the priorities in general. Once again, the Trustees are comfortable with maintaining the same priorities, with the exception of bookmobile. The Board supported using the bookmobile as first intended, as an outreach vehicle. **MSC to adopt the Priorities as written and remove the bookmobile. Eisler/Gorny.** Discussion ensued. Vote 2/1.

Patricia Mues said as a citizen she is against the way we talk about being "out of money." She said it is the City's choice to not give enough money to have things done for the Library. She feels that the Board should not look toward volunteers and grant funds. This is a mistake because then the City feels the Library does not need funding. She stated the Library Board is perceived as a rubber stamp for City halls wishes. She stated the Library should get full time staff, not part time. Ms. Mues also said she felt "literacy is being kicked to the curb" again.

Trustee Eisler responded on behalf of the Board. She said the staff and Board are doing as much as they can but the community really needs to address the City Council with these issues. Trustee Loh-Hagan appreciated her comments and spoke about how the Board is trying to generate community support. She said that part of the Libraries of the Future series is to educate the community, get more advocates in the community. Trustee Gorny said that the public's perception of the bookmobile is not the reality. It is an outreach vehicle and not set up or large enough for a real "bookmobile."

Conceptual Design: The City Council approved the consulting agreement with Group4 Architects for the library expansion. Smith explained the general idea of the expansion project.

EVCC Technology Center: Smith provided background on the creation of the new Technology Center project. The City Manager has recently decided that the Library will be in charge of the facility and its operation. The Library will know more about the operating budget in the mid-year budget check. The Technology Center will be using the Library's database for generating cards and use of computers.

Patricia Mues spoke as a private citizen and said she thought the opening coincided conveniently within two weeks prior to the State of the City address. She said that she is unhappy because the Education COMPACT was supposed to take over the EVCC Technology Center and then the library got "stuck with it." She is also not happy about the mix of youth/adults in a computer setting. She is also concerned that the COMPACT kids will take over the computers because they will be there in the lab before it is open to the public. Smith noted that she appreciated Ms. Mues' comments, and said that the library will only be running the afternoon session, but will take those comments to the planning team.

Libraries of the Future: Trustee Loh-Hagan briefly went over the outline and said that she would be sending emails out to the Board with assignments. **MSC Gorny/Eisler to allocate up to \$1,500 to cover costs for the Mission Possible series. Vote 3/0.**

Adjourned to tour the Pioneer Room at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Virginia Loh-Hagan, Board Secretary