

Escondido Public Library Board of Trustees
MINUTES
Thursday, June 13, 2013, 2:00 p.m.
Library Board Room

CALL TO ORDER: Gary Knight called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Loretta McKinney, Director of Library & Community Services, Cynthia Smith, Deputy City Librarian, Janet Rulien, Board Secretary

Written/Oral Communications: None.

Approval of Minutes: MSC to approve the minutes of May 9, 2013, as written Cameron/Gorny, Vote 5/0.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gorny spoke about the appearance of the building and the groups of people who are hanging around the Library grounds. The Trustees asked that these two issues, building appearance and the coffee cart, be put on next month's agenda, with a staff report and a recommendation.

PROJECT UPDATES: None.

BOARD NEWS/ISSUES: None.

REPORT FROM AUXILIARY GROUPS: Cameron reported on slowing down the amount of book donations that come into The Friends, since they are overwhelmed. Other items listed on the agenda were discussed.

SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING EVENTS: Literacy Services is celebrating its annual Year of the Learner this evening at the Lexus dealership and all Trustees are invited.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

2013 Summer Reading Club Overview: Smith described the program in greater detail. Our big drive is to stop children from losing reading achievements over the summer. Cameron suggested a story in the Union Tribune.

Library Expansion Project Update: Smith spoke about the various meetings we have already had as well as the public surveys and a separate staff survey. The Consultant spoke with the Mayor and City Council Members at City Hall in April. In July there will be more meetings scheduled with the architects and City staff. Another round of Community meetings will be held in July. A resounding message from the Mayor was that he wanted the Library Trustees to be very active in the process and that he was supportive of the project. The Trustees discussed this project in detail. Eisler cannot make the next Task Force meeting and Mirek Gorny will attend in her absence.


CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Director of Library & Community Services: McKinney said the General Fund Budget was approved last night. All City departments' budgets were approved as submitted. In response to Council's raising the issue, the Board discussed the requests for Sunday hours. Eisler asked about the East Valley Technology Center's use. So far it is pretty quiet, but we are ready to see if summer impacts this. The Charter school will be starting to lease space at the EVCC in August, and it is anticipated that having the students at the EVCC site will impact services. The lease agreement was finalized. Education Compact is now located at 228 Broadway behind the Library. McKinney clarified what sections of EVCC are still open to the public and run by the City. With regard to the State Library Budget, it is believed that the State will fund literacy services at the same level as last year. McKinney talked about our new Principal Librarian position. This is an in-house position for promotion. This position will be housed in administration and be the day-to-day operations supervisor. This will free up Cindy to take care of administrative level needs like the library expansion project.

Deputy City Librarian: Smith said that Donna Feddern is now in Olympia, WA and is doing very well as a branch manager. The Senior Librarian position she vacated has been opened this week. We estimate filling that job by the end of August. We have a part-time opening for a Graphic Artist, which we are in the process of filling. We are going through a process with the Management Team with looking over our organizational structure. The roof project has been completed.

Adjourned: 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Virginia Loh-Hagan/jr
Board Secretary