

**Escondido Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 14, 2013, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Library Board Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Virginia Loh-Hagan called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

**Members Present:** Virginia Loh-Hagan, Elmer Cameron, Kathy Eisler, and Mirek Gorny. (Ms. Eisler left the meeting at 3:45 PM)

**Members Absent:** Gary Knight

**Staff Present:** Interim City Librarian Cynthia Smith, Youth Services Senior Librarian Cindi Bouvier, Senior Library Associate Lorna Underwood (Recorder),

**WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Patron Frank Asaro requested that the Board of Trustees repeal a one-month suspension from the Library for violation of the Library's *Internet Use Policy*. Mr. Asaro asserted the library has a double standard for images that appear in print materials, such as in magazines available for checkout and/or purchase in the Friends Book Shop, vs. what is allowed to be viewed on public computer stations. He contended magazines for circulation or sale contain images equal to, and sometimes more explicit, than what he viewed at the Library public computer. Mr. Asaro indicated he felt he had done nothing wrong, but stated that his idea of what is acceptable may not match what the Library deems acceptable. He indicated that when he returns to the Library he would no longer view the questionable images on the Library's public computers.

Elmer Cameron requested that the City Librarian provide the Board with an account of the incident. The Board will consider Mr. Asaro's request within a reasonable amount of time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC Eisler/Cameron to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Vote 4/0**

**BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

Cynthia Smith reported the Library roofing project "tile lift and reset" is moving along smoothly. Regularly scheduled meetings between staff and the contractor are occurring to track progress, address issues, and ensure safety. At a recent meeting, the contractor reported portions of the roof unrelated to their work need repair and/or replacement. The Board requested that the City Librarian find out if additional repairs to resolve all roof leaks will be addressed by the City within the scope of this project. An update will be provided at the March meeting.

**BOARD NEWS/ISSUES:**

Kathy Eisler asked to discuss the Library Board meeting day and time. Virginia Loh-Hagan stated she was interested in discussing the possibility of moving the Board meeting day and/or time to be more convenient for Board and public attendance. The Board discussed possible alternate times as they relate to staff availability and the Library's open hours, concluding the current day (Thursdays) works well for the public, staff and most Board members. Meeting later in the afternoon could be more convenient. Since Gary Knight was absent, the issue was tabled to hear his scheduling needs and continue discussion at the March Board meeting.

**CURRENT ISSUES:**

Youth Services Senior Librarian, Cindi Bouvier, gave a presentation on programs facilitated by Children's Services and cited their commitment to promote early literacy. Children's Services programs stimulate children through movement, creation of art objects, reading, learning numbers, and concepts. Summer Reading Clubs

help children retain reading skills that might otherwise be lost over summer vacation. The number of participants has been growing steadily each year.

Virginia Loh-Hagan stated the *Libraries of the Future Mission Possible* event held on January 30 was well attended, well organized and very successful with very good feedback from attendees. She would like to see events archived in audio/video format on the Library website for public access. The Board discussed possible topics for the third event in the series and suggested July with a possible theme: "Libraries Build Community."

Elmer Cameron suggested that the next event should include a wider audience and promote the event to show the conceptual design for a new Library and educate the public as to the need for the expansion. Citizen Pat Mues said she wants to make sure the community has input into the design. She also wants to make sure the information is presented to the public in Spanish.

Cynthia Smith reported that Group 4 Architects' timeline for having visual plans for the expansion project indicates the visuals will be available at the end of this year. The milestone plan created by the Project Management Team will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Kathy Eisler reported that the Grand Opening of the Escondido Technology Center on January 30 was well done and well attended. Elmer Cameron requested periodic updates on use of the Escondido Technology Center. Ms. Mues wants to make the Escondido Technology Center is not being referred to as a library.

The revised *Library Computer and Internet Use Policy* and *Library Code of Conduct* policies were discussed with the overall goal to create alignment between the policies and provide clarity in content. It was noted only minor changes were made and that the proposed drafts were reviewed by the City Attorney prior to presentation to the Board of Trustees. It was also noted that all public computers, including Wi-Fi access, are filtered.

**MSC Loh-Hagan/Cameron to adopt the policies as written. Vote 3/0**

**CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

Cynthia Smith reported that the first round of interviews for *Director of Library and Community Services* have been conducted. She also stated that Library staff has been very supportive and helpful to her during this interim period.

The Library plans to hire two part time staff to operate the Escondido Technology Center after the March 6th City Council budget review.

Upcoming projects include the much anticipated "National Digital Bookmobile" visit on February 27 and 28. The public is invited to bring their electronic devices to learn how to download library e-Books.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMENTS:**

No customer comments were received.

**ADJOURN:** Virginia Loh-Hagan declared the meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Loh-Hagan  
Secretary, Library Board of Trustees.