

LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

PRESENT:

Carol Arnone, President

Alan Greenberg, Vice President

Kathleen Dwyer, Trustee

Warren Vegh, Trustee

Diane Parr, Trustee

George Trepp, Library Director

Michael Simon, Assistant Director

Jill Lessard, Administrative Assistant

David Baram, Attorney

After opening remarks and introductions, Trustee Arnone called the meeting to order at 8:07pm.

- I. Minutes of the August 6, 2014 meeting were moved for approval by Trustee Vegh. Trustee Dwyer commented that the Board had only voted on Addendum 3 of the Bylaws at the 8/6/14 meeting; the remainder of the Amendments still needed to be voted on. There were no further comments from the Board. Trustee Vegh moved for approval, second by Trustee Dwyer, and unanimously approved.
- II. Bills and Warrants 954; 954; 955; 956; and 957 were moved for approval by Trustee Dwyer, second by Trustee Vegh, and unanimously approved.

At this point in the meeting, Trustee Arnone asked for a motion to change the Agenda order to advance Old Business and Meeting Requests before the Director's report. Trustee Vegh offered that while he agreed with the move he also thought that people in attendance would benefit from listening to a discussion of Library business. Trustee Arnone explained her interest was in ensuring the public was not made to wait before being able to address their requests and/or concerns. Trustee Parr moved to change the Agenda, second by Trustee Dwyer. Trustees Dwyer, Parr, Arnone, and Greenberg voted in favor, though Trustee Greenberg indicated his yes vote was for this meeting only pending how the change worked out. Trustee Vegh voted no.

III. Director's Report

1. Regarding the Lighting Project, award to Facility Solution Group at cost of \$166,311 – the Director gave a brief outline of the project, explaining that it was being funded by grants (EcoMedia, \$70k, and Construction, amount TBD), rebates (PSEGLI, amount TBD), and Local Share (estimated at approximately \$50k). He also advised that in the engineer's estimation, the Library would recover their investment in approximately three (3) years due to cost savings on electricity and possibly HVAC. After discussion by the Board, Trustee Arnone moved, second by Trustee Vegh, and unanimously approved.

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2. Computer Replacements – The Director explained that due to a \$3,375 savings from the Comfort Long Beach Grant, the Library was able to reallocate funds towards other technology items. There were no comments from the Board. Trustee Arnone moved to approve the purchase, second by Trustee Parr, and unanimously approved the following:

a)	Four (4) Google Chromeboxes	\$	704
b)	Two (3) HP M401N Laser Printers	\$	428
c)	One (1) HP Elite G Computer	\$	772
d)	One (1) Dell Latitude E5540 Notebook	\$	923

3. Point Lookout Branch Flood Insurance, quoted at \$ 3,584 - Trustee Arnone moved to table. Before a second could be made a member of the audience indicated he wanted to speak on the topic and expressed some comments and concerns. They were addressed by the Director, after which there was no further comment from the public, and no comment from the Board. Trustee Arnone moved to table until the October 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, Trustee Parr second. Trustees Arnone, Parr, and Dwyer voted in favor, Trustee Vegh voted against, and Trustee Greenberg abstained.

4. Programming – The Director explained that the programs were being funded by the Huntington Arts Council (HAC) for 70%, and that the Library was responsible for the remainder. After a brief discussion, there were no further comments from the Board. Trustee Dwyer moved to approve both programs, second by Trustee Arnone, and unanimously approved as follows:

a)	Orlando Marin, The Last Mambo King	\$	700
	total but \$210 local share		
b)	Liverpool Shuffle,	\$	900
	total but \$270 local share		

5. Backup – Computer Service – After discussion by the Board, it was determined that more research was needed on this topic before a decision could be made. Trustee Dwyer moved to table, Trustee Parr second, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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6. Meeting Room Requests – Representatives from each group presented their request to the Board.
  - a) Boy Scout Troop # 215 requested to meet once per month in the evening, with 5-6 people in attendance. There was a brief discussion amongst the Board as to what meeting room would be used, after which there were no further Board comments. There were no public comments. Trustee Greenberg moved for approval, second by Trustee Vegh, unanimously approved.
  - b) Ethics with a Twist of Humor, is a course / discussion offered by Rabbi Herman. He requested to meet once per week in the evening, and indicated that he had some flexibility as to the day. There was a suggestion from the Board that the Point Lookout branch might be able to accommodate the Rabbi's schedule if the Main branch could not, which the Rabbi took under advisement. There were no further comments from the Board, nor any public comments. Trustee Parr moved for approval; Trustee Greenberg second, and unanimously approved.
7. Area 1 Trustee Meeting, Date Selection – The Director explained that the Nassau Library System (NLS) needs to hold an Area Meeting and is requesting that at least one (1) Trustee attend; the Agenda includes the Resource Sharing Code and the Nomination of a new Area Trustee Representative. Proposed dates were 10/14/14 and 10/21/14, location TBD. Trustee Dwyer volunteered to attend.

IV. Correspondence

V. Old Business

1. By-Laws Amendments – Trustee Arnone opened the discussion by outlining the proposed Amendments. After discussion by the Board, during which time it was confirmed that Addendum 3 had been eliminated, it was moved by Trustee Parr, second by Trustee Dwyer, and unanimously approved, that the Bylaws be left

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unchanged and that all other proposed Amendments would no longer be considered. With regard to moving Good and Welfare up to the beginning of the Agenda – after discussion by the Board, and input from Mr. Baram, it was proposed that a policy regarding Good and Welfare should be drafted by the Director and voted upon at the next Board meeting. The Board provided the following guidelines for such; 1) Good and Welfare should be before the Director's Report, 2) That a member of the public will have three (3) minutes at the podium to state their opinions and/or concerns; any additional members of the public who wish to speak on the same subject will also have three (3) minutes. After there are no more public comments, the Board would discuss with no further public comments and vote if necessary. Trustee Dwyer moved, second by Trustee Vegh, unanimously approved.

2. Planning Process – Trustee Arnone opened the item for discussion. The Director noted that other than a new Assistant Director at NLIS, there was nothing to report.
3. Point Lookout Plaque Wording – Trustee Arnone suggested tabling this item as there was no one from Point Lookout in attendance. There was some discussion surrounding the wording of the plaque. There was no further comments from the Board, nor any comment from the public. Trustee Arnone moved to table this item until next month; Trustee Dwyer second, unanimously approved.
4. West End - Trustee Arnone opened the topic for discussion with an update on the meeting which occurred Saturday 8/8 at CrossFit. In attendance at said meeting were Trustees Arnone and Greenberg, the Director, and Mr. Parr. They met with Mr. Panobianco, who is the owner of the CrossFit building. Trustee Arnone invited Mr. Panobianco to the podium to address some questions posed by the Board. Mr. Panobianco advised that he is asking \$2600/month rent for the property, which is approximately 1350 square feet. A follow up question from the Board regarding the rental price was put aside to be discussed in Executive Session at the suggestion of the Attorney, David Baram, and agreed to by the Board. Mr. Panobianco also answered questions from the Board regarding possible neighboring tenants, flood insurance, and the property's ability to withstand a future storm and functioning as a community emergency center. Trustees Arnone, Dwyer, and Parr all expressed strong support for a new WE branch envisioned as a meeting and/or gathering space for West End residents, with computers, print and fax services, etc. Trustees Dwyer and Parr both held up the Point Lookout branch as an example of what a WE branch could aspire to be. Trustee Dwyer referred to a survey of the Point Lookout residents in which the overwhelming opinion of the 75-100 responses was the importance of a community gathering place.

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Trustee Parr used a recent visit to the Point Lookout branch to cite the large number of people utilizing the space, the helpfulness of the staff, and the sense of community there.

Trustee Greenberg, while stating that he is not opposed to a WE branch, spoke at length relating to the costs as well as the failure of two (2) previous WE branches. He indicated that his biggest concern was how to make a new WE branch appropriate for the community, commenting that some past surveys regarding this subject did not get a good response. Trustee Greenberg cautioned the public to remember that neither Point Lookout nor the West End were 40 hour libraries and the budget did not fund that schedule. He closed his remarks by advising that the Board would try their best to implement as many ideas as possible, as well as finding operating hours that worked best for the community.

Trustee Vegh commented that he echoed the sentiments of Trustee Greenberg. He also commented on the lack of survey responses and said he would like to receive more resident input to ensure the branch would be a good fit for the WE and would be fully utilized by the community. Trustee Vegh advised that he was unable to cast a vote on the property until such feedback was received, commenting that he wants to make sure the public's money is spent wisely.

Since there were no further comments from the Board, Trustee Arnone opened the topic for public comments.

Many members of the public spoke, with opinions both in favor and against a new WE branch. The majority of the public were in favor of the branch, citing the need for a community meeting / tech center in the West End of Long Beach, which is primarily a walking community. Those against were primarily concerned with the added costs to the Library, as well as the failure of the previous branches. After much discussion between the public and the Board, it was suggested that there should be a separate Public Work Session, in advance of the October 15 Board Meeting, solely to discuss the WE branch. Trustee Dwyer moved to hold this Session at the Library, time and date TBD. Trustee Arnone second, Trustees Arnone, Dwyer and Parr voted in favor and Trustees Vegh and Greenberg voted against.

5. Program Policy Review – Trustee Dwyer made a motion to table, second by Trustee Vegh, and unanimously approved.

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VI. New Business

1. Library Dateline – motion to table by Trustee Greenberg, second Trustee Arnone, and unanimously approved.

VII. Questions and Comments from the Public – Any Matter

There were no other questions and / or comments

VIII. CSEA

IX. Personnel – Trustee Dwyer moved to accept the Director’s recommended appointments and resignations, second by Trustee Vegh, and unanimously approved.

1. Resignation of Administrative Assistant Margie Bochynski, effective August 28, 2014
2. Probationary appointment of Administrative Assistant Jill Brennan Lessard, effective August 15, 2014 at a beginning salary of \$43,500
3. Resignation of Page Michele Asarch, effective August 14, 2014
4. Appointment of page Nicole Menzsalma effective September 8, 2014, at the minimum wage of \$8.00 p.h.

X. Date & Time of Next Meeting - Trustee Arnone moved that the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting begin at 7pm. Second by Trustee Dwyer, Trustees Arnone, Dwyer, and Parr voted in favor, Trustee Vegh voted against, Trustee Greenberg had already left the Meeting and therefore did not record a vote.

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 7:00 p.m. – Public Session

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 TBD – Executive Session

At this point, Trustee Parr moved to enter Executive Session, second by Trustee Vegh. Trustees Arnone, Parr, and Vegh voted in favor, Trustee Dwyer voted against.

Upon return from Executive Session , Trustee Parr moved that the Attorney explore our options at the CrossFit property with the Landlord. Trustee Vegh second, and unanimously approved.

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- XI. Adjournment – Trustee Parr moved for Adjournment at 10:18pm, second by Trustee Vegh and unanimously approved.