

LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, July 22, 2015

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lennox Library
4359 Lennox Boulevard
Lennox, CA. 90304

AGENDA

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

1. Approval of Minutes of meeting
 - June 2015
2. Announcements from Chair
3. Announcements from County Librarian
4. Commissioner Items/Comments
5. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
6. Adjourn

NOTE: The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at Malibu Library.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

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The July 22, 2015 Commission meeting was held at the Lennox Library, 4359 Lennox Boulevard, Lennox, CA. 90304

Commissioners Present

Velma Ashford (Ridley-Thomas)
Corey Calaycay (CSC)
Herb Hatanaka (Knabe)
Lisa Cleri Reale (Kuehl)
Jim Allen (Antonovich)
Reve Gipson (Ridley-Thomas)
Vy Nguyen (Solis)
Sonny Santa Ines (CSC)
David Lesser (CSC)

Commissioners Absent

Bob Archuleta (CSC)
Waymon Roy (Antonovich)
Jose Luis Solache (CSC)
Rich Colbary (Knabe)
Laura Zahn Rosenthal (CSC)
Robert Gonzales (CSC)
David Spence (CSC)
Cynthia Sternquist (CSC)
Joy Williams (Kuehl)

Library Staff & Guests

Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian, Barbara Custen, Assistant Director of Public Services, Roxane Marquez, Special Assistant, Sydneka Moore, Senior Management Secretary II,

Agenda Items

The meeting of the Los Angeles County Library Commission was called to order by Chair Calaycay at 10:12 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes for May with amendments
2. Action Items
3. Announcements from Chair
4. Announcement from County Librarian

3. **Announcements from Chair**

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Corey Calaycay welcomed everyone to the Commission Meeting.

4. **Announcements from County Librarian**

County Librarian, Margaret Donnellan Todd, announced her last day is August 27, 2015 and she is having a retirement party at the Rio Hondo Event Center and invitations are forthcoming. Two groundbreaking are coming up next week which is Quartz Hill on Monday and South Whittier on Thursday. There will be an expansion coming to San Fernando Library. The expansion will be additional space being built into the library. CEO Office of Real Estate and Maria Chong-Castillo of the Third District are negotiating the deal with the landlord to have the rent not increase as a result of this upgrade. Ms. Todd explained that landscaping has become a challenge because of the drought. She noted that it's complex because, often, cities own the land the library is situated on and we lease the building. There are different locations that are served by different water districts.

Commissioner Herb Hatanaka asked if the Library would be impacted by the Board of Supervisors' recent vote to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Ms. Margaret Donnellan Todd responded that this would take effect in July of 2016 and that it would have a significant impact on budget.

Commissioner Allen asked if State law changes regarding the accrual of overtime affected the Library. Ms. Todd answered that it did not.

Commissioner Sonny Santa Ines asked if the bump up in minimum wage salary would raise others' salaries or would instead affect compression. Ms. Todd replied that it most likely would affect compression.

Commissioner David Lesser asked what the role of the Commission should be in the future? Ms. Todd replied that the best role is an advocate for the library especially with budget issues and its customers.

For example, the Department needs additional revenue to determine if residents would approve raising the special tax. If the survey indicates approval of at least 2/35, the library may ask the Board of Supervisors to put it on the 2016 ballot. A survey is taking place now. Short of getting new money from the Board of

Supervisors, we will need more money from somewhere – especially for higher labor costs.

Ms. Todd noted that we could hold a future Commission meeting in downtown Los Angeles and then invite the Board of Supervisors' Library deputies to attend it so they could hear in particular about budget issues, etc.

Commissioner David Lesser asked how the County Library selects content. Ms. Todd replied that we could have our Collections Development staff give a presentation at a future commission meeting. Commissioner Corey Calaycay said that we would calendar this presentation for the September Commission meeting.

5. Commissioner Items/Comments

6. Public Comments

None

7. Adjournment

Commission meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at Malibu Library.

Minutes Approved: _____ as submitted

Date: _____

_____ as amended

Date: _____

Cynthia Sternquist, Secretary
Commission