

LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, June 15, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Compton Library
240 West Compton Blvd.
Compton, CA. 90220

AGENDA

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

1. Approval of Minutes of meeting
 - April 20, 2016
 - May 18, 2016
2. Announcements from Chair
3. Announcements from County Library Director
 - MakeMo (Migell Acosta)
 - Capital Project Overview (Pat McGee)
4. Commissioner Items/Comments
 - Election of Officers for 2016-17
 - Ad Hoc Committee Updates
5. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
6. Adjourn

NOTE: *The July Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at Culver City Library.*

August: *Dark*

September: *LHQ*

October: *Huntington Park*

November: *La Crescenta*

December: *Dark*



LIBRARY COMMISSION JUNE 15, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. Chairman Corey Calaycay led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Calaycay then passed around a refreshment sign-up sheet.

Roll Call

Quorum was not met.

Commissioners in attendance – 8: Chairman Corey Calaycay and Commissioners Jim Allen, Cynthia Sternquist, Waymon Roy, Lisa Cleri Reale, David Lesser, Laura Rosenthal, and Vy Nguyen.

Commissioners absent – 10: Commissioners Bob Archuleta, Jose Luis Solache, Robert Gonzales, Sonny Santa Ines, David Spence, Martha Arevalo, Reve Gipson, Joy Williams, Richard Colbary, and Herb Hatanaka.

Vacancy – 2: Second District (City Selection Committee) and Second District (appointment)

Library staff in attendance – 11: Skye Patrick, Library Director; Yolanda De Ramus, Chief Deputy Director; Pat McGee, Assistant Director of Capital Projects; Migell Acosta, Assistant Director of Technical Services; Jesse Lanz, Acting Adult Services Coordinator; Sydneka Moore, Executive Assistant to the Chief Deputy Director; Allan Padilla, Library Assistant; Sharon Johson, Community Library Manager of Compton Library; Susan Baier, Regional Administrator for South Region; Carolyn Kobayashi, Assistant Regional Administrator of South Region; and Roxane Marquez, Communications Specialist.

Approval of Minutes of meeting

Skipped for lack of quorum.

Announcements from Chair

None

Announcements from County Librarian

Skye Patrick introduced all library staff in attendance.

She then announced the NACO awarded the Library two honors: One for BIZ at Brakensiek and another for Foto East L.A.

Next, she provided attendees with an update of the View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library “Off the Shelf” event which was “nothing short of a hit” according to Skye Patrick. She passed around two iPads with photos from the event. Most likely, most murals will be kept. And we probably will host more “pop-up” events like this in the future for similar projects. Yolanda De Ramus added that Whole Foods provided the food and probably would partner with us in the future.

Skye Patrick then said that we just received a memo from the Chief Executive Office on how Los Angeles County evidently has a petition request declaring a state of Emergency on Homelessness. She asked if the Commission could support this effort. Laura Rosenthal noted that, as an elected official, she’d been involved in this effort and had received notification. She said there is legislation to allow the county to raise money for homelessness via ballot initiative – and that she had just signed the petition this morning on Change.org. She said it is one piece of a bigger effort. Commissioner Reale clarified that this was the so-called “millionaire’s tax” and asked what department generated the petition. Commissioner Rosenthal answered that it was the Chief Executive Office. Commissioner Reale said her understanding is that the millionaire’s tax was not doing well at the State level. Commissioner Rosenthal read aloud the text of the online petition. She noted there is a “Community Web Meeting” on Thursday and that Phil Ansel was the Director of the Homeless Initiative at Los Angeles County. Commissioner Reale asked if the Commission could take action on the matter – if the bylaws allowed it. Commissioner Calaycay noted that, as an elected official, he doesn’t like to take stances on ballot initiatives, preferring for voters to decide for themselves. Commissioner Rosenthal indicated that Commissioners could support the initiative, or not, as individuals. Commissioner Lesser asked that if the matter did come back as an agenda item, the Commissioners be supplied with more information and a clear “ask”. Skye Patrick said that would happen. She said this was a huge issue for public libraries.

Commissioner Lesser noted that he really liked the idea of a “pop-up” event because at Manhattan Beach, when they closed the old library, there was a sense of loss and felt that it was underestimated. In retrospect, he felt such an event would have been helpful in Manhattan Beach. Commissioner Jim Allen said he attended the event and acknowledged Library staff for how amazing the event was. He specifically noted Jeff Haber’s involvement. He said it was exactly how Skye Patrick had described it, a “monumental effort”. Both his wife and daughter also were impressed, as was the community, he said.

MakeMo – Presentation by Migell Acosta and Jesse Lanz

Migell Acosta introduced the subject by explaining how the “Maker Movement” began in immediate families and extended families but that, with the advent of the Internet, the sharing of knowledge has become global and one no longer needs to be physically next to a crafts(wo)man to learn. Also – electronics costs decreased. These two trends merged so people continued practicing traditional crafts but began learning new crafts that were more technologically based. Now the Internet allows people to create communities of interest. This movement was formalized with the publication of “Maker Magazine” – a quarterly publication that features two to three projects per issue. Leaders also started hosting “Maker Fairs”, with the largest being in Northern California. The last such event had approximately 75,000 people. Migell Acosta then gave examples of how the movement had progressed. For instance: The first year of the event, a participant might bring a basic robot but by last year, there would be numerous participants with more sophisticated robots. Also: Maker Spaces were created by geography, such as the “L.A. Maker Space”. Members pay a fee per month and those dollars are used to rent space and equipment that can be shared. It’s very similar to a library model, which pools resources to buy material and offer it to the community. Libraries then began hosting Maker Spaces in their facilities. This mostly took place in libraries that were multi-level with extra space – which is not our model since we are entirely comprised of smaller, community-based library. This is how we came up with the MakerMobile idea, which actually originated from a company called “Smart Truck”. Our idea is to have one vehicle in each supervisorial district that will service both the libraries in that district and community events. The mission fit, for us, is all about education. The movement has coalesced around STEM and STEAM, too. Skye Patrick noted that Libraries have been makers “since the beginning of time” – that we have always had maker and craft programs but, finally, people are beginning to realize it. Migell Acosta noted that even traditional crafts have math involved – and now we can more intentionally teach the math behind those crafts. Plus there is an impact of technology. For example, Nike is now putting sensors in shoes – and such innovations are happening at the Maker level. Migell Acosta then displayed some of Maker technology for Commissioners present – including a 3-D printer and some printed items. The 3-D printer works by designing something on software and the printer acts like a glue gun with a super-fine tip; the printer then prints layers of 2-D images until we get a 3-D object.

Commissioner Rosenthal asked if we need a computer, scanner and printer and Acosta noted that only the computer and printer were required unless you wanted to scan a 3-D item – which, Skye Patrick clarified, is called a “digitizer”. Migell Acosta noted that 3-D printers are slow so they have limited value in a classroom setting, where participants want to leave with their own specialized item. Also – there are low-cost, computer controlled etchers and routers that etch metal, Plexiglas, wood, etc. The idea is to design in software and print out your job to the machine – and this etcher works faster so it is compatible with a classroom setting. This item will be on the Maker Mobiles and it is \$11,000, more expensive than a 3-D printer. It used to be a \$100,000 investment and now is just over 10% of that cost. Commissioner Reale asked why MakeMos were not funded for Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3. Prior to answering the question, Acosta

noted that Instructables.com now included a corner for Librarians that supplies a curated list of projects compatible with the Library's mission and facilities. He then said that funding originated from annual funding deliberations with the Board offices. We have some money via Utility User Tax (UUT) that is flexible. We made the same presentation to all districts and Districts 1, 4, and 5 agreed to move forward. Skye Patrick added that she had spoken with District 3 and there might be funding for a vehicle for District 3. As for District 2, she said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas was curious as to whether or not we could build a "hybrid" between a MakerMobile and a bus. Commissioner Waymon Roy noted that funds must go where they will serve communities best. Skye Patrick predicted that the other Supervisorial Districts would participate and Commissioner Reale agreed, noting that school performance was low throughout the Second District. Commissioner Nguyen asked if the Library was communicating with the Dept. of Parks & Recreation on "Parks after Dark" to possibly bring MakeMos to their events. Skye Patrick said conversations had begun. Commissioner Allen asked if we had considered partnering with neighboring jurisdictions to partner on this effort. Migell Acosta said we have discussions with them all time to learn what worked and what didn't through their experiences. Commissioner Allen said he took his daughter to a Girls Empowerment Month event at Acton Agua Dulce and that a leader from the Maker Movement was there. He had her business card on-hand and highlighted that she had used the Culver City Library, which she featured on the card. Skye Patrick added that we are putting a Makerspace in a Second District library but that District Three has so few libraries, this wasn't a feasible option. Commissioner Rosenthal asked if we were seeking grant money for this endeavor and Migell Acosta said that, thus far, we were only seeing internal funds. Commissioner Rosenthal encouraged us to look into grant opportunities with aerospace and technology industries. Skye Patrick said that this type of action was exactly the kind of work that the Library Foundation should be doing. Commissioner Reale added that the Foundation's grant writer was not being strategic and neither was the Foundation, although they are generally doing good work. She also added that Boeing was really one of the few aerospace companies that gave big grant money and that their agenda for funding is very targeted. Commissioner Nguyen asked if the Library had contact with Kate Anderson in the newly created Office of Strategic Partnerships, a liaison office between the County and private philanthropy. Commissioner Reale clarified that Ms. Anderson's priority is foster children and that she had given Skye Patrick's contact information. Migell Acosta then said we are funded at \$150,000 plus equipment per vehicle and disseminated images of the vehicle that the Library is most likely moving forward with purchasing. He also noted that the committee worked together on branding and would enact a big marketing push via the Library's website and social media accounts. Jesse Lanz said we are looking at the end of Fall for purchase of three MakeMos.

Commissioner Lesser complimented the Library staff for their work and articulated hope that we would focus on programming. He also wanted Libraries in his district to get to use the MakeMos. Migell Acosta said it was unclear at this time. Skye Patrick said we could look at routing issues. Commissioner Calaycay asked if any or all of the MakeMos would be housed at Library headquarters so Commissioners could see it at

the next Commission meeting, which will be a Library headquarters. Migell Acosta noted that he would make sure that at some point, Commissioners could see the MakeMo vehicle. Commissioner Rosenthal asked if the MakeMos would stay in their respective districts and Migell Acosta confirmed that they would. Commissioner Rosenthal said that if the Third District got a MakeMo, they would share it with all five Supervisorial Districts.

Compton Turns the Table – Susan Baier

Through the State Library and LSTA, we got \$75,000 to fund a program called “Compton Turns the Tables”, which is a DJ lab. This community is the birthplace of so much music, especially hip hop. Our goal is to create a new generation of community through music. The DJ equipment will be housed at Compton Library. It has many components – STEM, workforce development. Equipment remains ours after the grant period is over and could possibly be used on a MakeMo. “Remix”. Commissioner Reale asked when it would start. Susan Baier said it would start in the Winter of 2017. Skye Patrick added that we wanted the person who administered the classes to be a woman due to stereotypes of Compton not having a positive female presence. Our goal is to reverse that perception. We anticipate primarily male attendees in the class so it should leave a big impression to be taught the class by a female. Susan Baier indicated that Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and his office are very supportive of the program. Commissioner Reale asked if we were promoting this with the recording industry companies – that we should be sending out a release that this was happening, that perhaps they would send representatives to see it or even, as Commissioner Rosenthal added, sponsorship. Skye Patrick said potential partnership could be established with musician Kendrick Lamar, who comes from Compton. Susan Baier added that we could host competitions affiliated with the Grammy Foundation and Commissioner Rosenthal said she had some connections she could explore. Skye Patrick said we also might partner with the Mayor of Compton, who had ideas for a small business component of the program much like the “BIZ at Brakensiek” small business incubator at the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library in Bellflower.

Capital Project Overview – Pat McGee

Pat McGee said we currently have 22 capital projects either in design or capital construction.

First District: Many projects were completed with Supervisor Gloria Molina termed out. Now, we have a refurbishment project at Hollydale Library in South Gate. The city did give us a contribution as did the landlord. Expect carpet, paint, and a new circulation desk. Work will be done mostly by Library staff but ISD will handle some electrical work. This project is in the scope/development stage and most likely will close in January of 2017.

Second District: AC Bilbrew undergoing major renovation with a completely gutted interior and whole new look inside with new circulation, new lighting, new paint, ADA compliant restrooms, and photovoltaic lighting for greater energy efficiency – all for a 21,843 square foot building. Most likely, the project would be done in the Fall of 2017.

Carson Library also is undergoing refurbishment. It will get ADA compliant restrooms, new lobby flooring, and general improvements plus a potential MakerSpace – and it probably would be a year before we start construction there. At Florence Library, we are looking to acquire the Shoe City property next door so we could have low-income housing units above the new, ground floor library with parking separate from tenants. This may become a 10,000 square foot library with a new community meeting room; it's now 5,000 square feet with no community meeting room. Skye Patrick added that it is a trend for libraries to be part of multi-use space – that this probably won't be the last project with co-collaboration and public-private partnerships. Commissioner Reale asked if there was a transit station near this library and Pat McGee confirmed there is – and Commissioner Reale speculated that there is \$2 billion in State “cap and trade” funding available for projects that have a mass transit component. She said the next round of funding is in the Spring and added that in the last round, only eight projects from Los Angeles County were submitted. Commissioner Allen confirmed that the State is very interested in economic development via mixed-use development. Pat McGee then continued by giving details about Masao Satow Library – new circulation desk and new paint. This project probably would start design in November of this year and, most likely, the opening would happen early in 2018. View Park – MISSED DETAILS. Willowbrook Library is another mixed-use project. It began in May and will have a housing component. It is under construction and there probably will be a groundbreaking in early July.

Third District: San Fernando will get some limited improvements.

Fourth District: Artesia Library is in early stages of construction but should be complete in October 2017. Avalon Library has hard-scape and land-scape improvements underway to fix the exterior of the library and help with the ADA issues there. Hacienda Heights Library demolition is complete and tenant improvements are beginning soon. It should be complete in January but we are hoping to host a “thank you” event for Supervisor Don Knabe in November. La Mirada Library is also getting a complete refurbishment and the city is managing that project. It will get additional programming space. Lomita Library will get an improved interior and a new community meeting room. Los Nietos Library is a collaborative project with the school district. It will be a brand new library at about 7,000 square feet with an opening in 2017. Los Padrinos Library is a partnership with the Probation Department where we are creating a new, small library there. Construction should finish this month and a move-in and ribbon-cutting should take place in mid-August. At Rowland Heights Library, demolition is complete but the project won't be finished until January so we hope to thank Supervisor Don Knabe via a celebration in November. South Whittier Library should be complete in mid-August, too.

Fifth District: Little Rock Library is getting funding for a modular trailer. Quartz Hill Library should be complete in November of 2016 and construction there is progressing nicely. Commissioner Allen felt it was looking “amazing”. Commissioner Roy noted that a lot of equipment had been cleared out of the construction area and Pat McGee confirmed that construction offices had been moved to the interior of the library. Temple City Library entails a new partnership with the city, which is providing some funding. It

would be expanded by 1,500 square feet and receive a major refurbishment. Live Oak Library may be replaced with a 7,000 square foot facility we found. If we acquire this building, we will refurbish it, too. Commissioner Allen asked if this would be new space and both Skye Patrick and Pat McGee clarified that it would be.

Commissioner Lesser noted that build-up of discretionary funds by supervisors allowed for such spending and then asked if the Library was concerned about this kind of funding coming to an end. Skye Patrick replied that this Library system never went through a renaissance, that by 2016, most other systems had so we are behind. She added that we had lots of Supervisors terming out and they had been in office quite a long time – meaning they had more funds available in their coffers to invest in libraries. She felt this entire phenomenon taken together explained the current increase in library spending. Yolanda De Ramus added that the county had been prioritizing deferred maintenance – which affected the Libraries because we needed lots of fixes throughout our system and it brought the Library’s needs to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Lesser asked if commissioners should be advocating particular construction projects and Skye Patrick said maybe not given that we have 22 construction projects underway. She also indicated that our way of funding was unusual than how she had been accustomed to seeing it because, usually, it begins with a bond initiative but this wave of construction came about from Supervisors’ discretionary funds. Chairman Calaycay added that commissioners had reminded Supervisors of deferred maintenance during the Budget Hearing in May. Commissioner Reale asked if Pat McGee’s matrix of construction projects could be e-mailed to Commissioners with the document specifying projects by Supervisorial District. Commissioner Sternquist said that their good relationship with Supervisor Antonovich probably helped get Library construction projects in the Fifth District to move forward. She felt the city-county partnership model might be very helpful for other cities.

MISSED A PORTION. Commissioner Rosenthal added that companies and elected officials do contribute funding when they are honored with some naming rights. Commissioner Reale asked about the county’s naming rights policy. Skye Patrick answered that we are investigating. Commissioner Reale asked if we could deliberate the matter at a future meeting and agendize the issue.

Commissioner Items/Comments

Election of Officers for 2016-17

Unable to take a vote due to lack of quorum.

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Commissioner Allen indicated there were no updates at this time. Commissioner Allen then asked about the schedule and timing for developing board letters and presenting matters to the Board of Supervisors. Yolanda De Ramus answered that, most likely, we are targeting mid-August.

Miscellaneous

Chairman Calaycay reminded commissioners to reply to e-mails from commissioners just one-on-one instead of "replying all" so as to avoid any Brown Act problems.

Chairman Calaycay asked if the Commission would meet in August. Yolanda De Ramus clarified that September was supposed to be a Strategic Planning meeting and that we were meeting in July at Culver City Julian Dixon Library. Commissioner Lesser said he would handle refreshments. Chairman Calaycay clarified that the homeless initiative and the naming policy would be included on the next agenda. Commissioner Roy suggested that all meetings be held at one location to increase the chances of getting a quorum. Commissioner Reale said that while lack of quorum was a sore spot for her, she liked seeing all the differences between the libraries – that is hard to represent the library system without seeing the breadth and depth of the system. Commissioner Allen indicated that Commissioner Roy drove the furthest to get to meetings but still attended most of them. Commissioner Lesser asked if perhaps commissioners could be supplied with details about the libraries that commissioners visit. Chairman Calaycay asked if locals could be notified that library commissioners would be in their areas in case they had questions to ask of commissioners. Commissioner Roy said he'd only seen the public come out to commission meetings once or twice. Commissioner Reale asked the Chairman to send out an e-mail reminding members that they are obligated to attend meetings. Commissioner Roy reiterated his desire for meetings to be held in just one location and not in the field. Chairman Calaycay disagreed but Commissioner Roy reminded the Chairman that the signing agreement states that all meetings are at Library Headquarters and Commissioner Reale said she was told when she joined that the meetings would be held at various libraries. Chairman Calaycay then suggested reminding Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas that he does have a vacancy and he noted that the Councilman from Lynwood still hasn't attended. He also said he'd reach out to Sonny Santa Ines, who had great attendance up until recently.

Commissioner Sternquist said the minutes were too long and Commissioner Reale agreed. Commissioner Sternquist said she felt some Commissioners might not attend if they get a play-by-play via the minutes.

Chairman Calaycay then thanked the CLM of Compton Library, Sharon Johnson, who gave an extensive summary of the library's rich history.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____ as submitted Date: _____
 _____ as amended Date: _____

Cynthia Sternquist, Secretary
Commission