

LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2015

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: East Los Angeles Library
4837 East 3rd Street
Los Angeles, CA. 90022

AGENDA

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

1. Approval of Minutes of meeting
2. Announcements from Chair
3. Announcements from Chief Deputy
 - Budget Updates
 - Library/Probation Partnership (Jesse Lanz and Jesus Corral)
4. Commissioner Items/Comments
 - Future Meeting Schedule
5. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
6. Adjourn

NOTE: *There will be no meeting in December.*

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The November 18, 2015 Commission meeting was held at the East Los Angeles Library, 4837 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90022

Commissioners Present

Bob Archuleta (CSC)
Corey Calaycay (CSC)
Reve Gipson (Ridley-Thomas)
Sonny Santa Ines (CSC)
David Lesser (CSC)
Waymon Roy (Antonovich)
Cynthia Sternquist (CSC)
Jim Allen (Antonovich)
Joy Williams (Kuehl)
Vy Nguyen (Solis)
Martha Arevalo (Solis)

Commissioners Absent

Velma Ashford (Ridley-Thomas)
Lisa Cleri Reale (Kuehl)
Rich Colbary (Knabe)
Herb Hatanaka (Knabe)
Laura Zahn Rosenthal (CSC)
David Spence (CSC)
Jose Luis Solache (CSC)
Robert Gonzales (CSC)

Library Staff & Guests

Yolanda De Ramus, Acting County Librarian, Barbara Custen, Assistant Director Public Services, Arena Turner, Assistant Director Administrative Services, Ting Fanti, Fiscal Manager, Jesse Walker Lanz, Adult Services Administrator, Jesus Corral, Senior Director of Education Services, 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 10:05 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes-Approved with Amendments
2. Action Items
3. Announcements from Chair
4. Announcement from Acting 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 Acting County Librarian

Acting County Librarian Yolanda De Ramus commented that the next Commission with the Board deputies will be targeted during the budget season. Regarding the Special tax expansion the public library has met with the CEO. Ten out of 50 cities have a special tax and three county departments would like to have something on the 2016 ballot – Fire, Parks, and Library. In two weeks, there will be a presentation to the Board of Supervisors' Chief of Staff. At this meeting the Public Library will emphasize the needs for increased and share results of the customer polling survey funds. The Commission will be updated in January's meeting.

Acting County Librarian Yolanda De Ramus commented that The Board of Supervisors has narrowed their search to four candidates and they will select someone by the end of the year.

Regarding Sierra Madre Library the City is considering privatizing their library services and they have asked the Public Library to make a pitch to include them in our network. This is the third time a city has made such a request Pomona and Palmdale has also done so previously.

Regarding the budget the CEO approved more money in the supplemental budget for Libraries. This is the second year in a row where we received additional one-time money for books. The Public Library will also get a COLA increase from the UUT funding stream. In 2006 the UUT budget was approximately \$12 million.

There was a presentation by Jesus Corral of Probation Dept. and Jesse Walker-Lanz of Public Library. Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall houses youth awaiting court hearings. A new library is being designed as a joint effort between library and probation. The 960 square foot space is a former home economics classroom. The space will be transformed into a space that is reflective of a community library. The budget includes staffing for 3 years – One librarian and one paraprofessional library assistant. It is important to have a skilled librarian – to support the transition of youth from incarceration back into society.

A presentation was given by Debbie Anderson of Public Library and about the Summer Lunch in Libraries Program. Debbie Anderson stated that the program last approximately 6-9 weeks depending on the district. They have to start two weeks after school ends and the program must end two weeks prior to school resuming. It varies depending on the school district. The stats were as follows:

- Carson Library 1,572 lunches, Avg. 40 per day
- Norwalk Library 1,124 lunches, Avg. 33 per day

Commissioner Vy Nguyen noted that sometimes Library fines can affect people's credit reports. She expressed concern and asked how the library usually approaches the issue of amnesty and fines. Library Staff shared that there will be a report given at future meetings.

- Barbara Custen explained that staff are encouraged to be lenient when it comes to fines applied to children or teens.

Commissioner David Lesser suggested a presentation on the use of library online tools for a future agenda item.

5. **Commissioner Items/Comments**

6. **Public Comments**

7. **Adjournment**

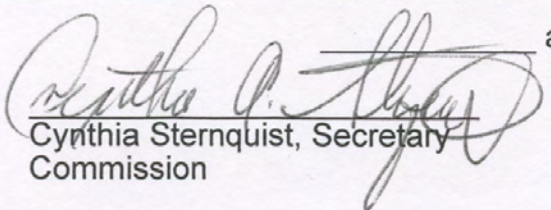
Commission meeting was adjourned at 11:48 p.m.
The next meeting will be held at the Baldwin Park Library.

Minutes Approved: _____ as submitted

Date: _____

_____ as amended

Date: 3/16/16


Cynthia Sternquist, Secretary
Commission