



## Measure B Citizens Review Panel

### Minutes

February 19, 2014

**Members Present:** Fitzgerald Kelly, Judith Preuss, Debbie Ikeda, Jim Poptanich, Shelley Orth, Steve Rapada and Bob Speechly.

**Staff Present:** Laurel Prysiazny, Kelley Landano, Karen Coletti, and Carina Gil.

**Regrets:** Sylvia Hunt, Jan Kafton, Mary Leal, and Jeremy Price. .

1) **Call to order:** Bob Speechly called the meeting to order.

2) **Introductions:** Introduction of Carina Gil new Fresno County Public Library, Business Manager.

3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda approved and adopted as presented.

4) **Approval of September 18, 2013 Minutes.** Minutes approved and adopted as presented. Motion to approve Judith Pruess: Second: Jim Poptanich

5) **County Librarian Update.**

a) **New Finance Business Manager. Carina Gil.**

- . Carina gave a background of her career with Fresno County after graduation from Fresno State.
- Laurel explained that Carina is taking on a huge task of creating cost centers for each branch. This will be a big task in our budget. This has been in the planning for six months. It will occur at the start of the next fiscal year in July.

b) **Library Foundation Fundraising Initiatives**

- The Foundation has now funded two Early Learning Centers. West Fresno and Fig Garden. Their commitment was to fund five so they are still working on this initiative.
- A gala is planned for June as the Foundations inaugural fundraisers

c) **Facilities**

- Sierra Vista Mall Branch. The kiosk will go live mid March.
- H/Q Library Administration. We are hoping to purchase Channel 47 studio on 1<sup>st</sup> St. and Shaw Ave.
- Clovis Branch talks are underway with City officials and obtaining a site is only a few months away (pending Board of Supervisor approval),
- Reedley Branch is still looking for real estate options.
- Teague Library (New Branch). Our second joint-use facility with Central Unified is Teague Elementary. The expected date of opening is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

d) **Program Success**

- LSTA funded LEAP (Learn, Engage, Achieve, Play) Program will commence at Sunnyside Branch March 1<sup>st</sup>. This program is designed to assist parents who have children with special needs such as autism.
- The Big Read-The Great Gatsby kicks off March 5<sup>th</sup>. Many exciting programs are planned and it is guaranteed to be a success.
- Early Learning Center at West Fresno is slated for opening National Library Week in April.

e) **Celebrations**

- In April we celebrate our volunteers, all 939 of them with a tea. This year the event is on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM at the County Ballroom downtown.

**f) Partnerships**

- Citizenship Academy. Partners: Maddy Institute at Fresno State, San Joaquin College of Law, Fresno Adult School, and Fresno Unified School District, Every Neighborhood, Radio Bilingue.

**g) Wow! Librarians**

- Launched January 2014 with staff obtaining engagement training. In six weeks of operation staff has already completed assignments with Fresno Arts Council, Freebirds, an engineering firm and a small business administration.
- They have many assignments in progress with Chicago Title. Working on setting up focus groups. They have done research on citizenship programs in the US.
- WoW! Has attended the Fresno Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce breakfast.
- Many organizations have shown interest in future presentations.
- They have community focus groups scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

**6) Coalinga Librarian – Mary Leal-None.**

**7) Associate County Librarian Update**

**a) Current State of Affairs**

- Kelley has a Staff Analyst working on branch visit oversight report.

**8) Budget Update: Carina Gil**

- Budgeted vs. Actual Measure 'B' Monthly Sales Tax Proceeds (Cash Basis) FY 2013/2013.
- Annual Measure 'B' sales tax history for Fresno County Public Library was shown and it has increased and not declined.
- Library summary of FY 2013-14 Appropriations, Expenditures and NCC. This included the 19 vacancies and we will need to fill some of those.

**9) Planning for next meeting:**

- *Date:* May 7, 2014
- *Location* Central with tour of Heritage Room and Literacy Center.
- *Time:* 5:30 P.M.

**10) Adjourn: 7:22 P.M.**