

# Measure B Citizens Review Panel

## Minutes

September 17, 2014

**Members Present:** Bob Speechly, Judith Preuss, Debbie Ikeda, Jim Poptanich, Fitzgerald Kelly, Steve Rapada, Jan Kafton and Steve Whithall  
**Staff Present:** Laurel Prysiazny, Kelley Landano, Karen Coletti, Carina Gil.  
**Regrets:** Shelley Orth, Jeremy Price, Sylvia Hunt and Mary Leal.

- 1) **Call to order:** Bob Speechly called the meeting to order.
- 2) **Introductions:** Introduced Steve Whithall who was attending in Mary Leal's absence.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Adopted.
- 4) **Approval of May 7, 2014 Minutes.** Minutes approved and adopted with noted corrections. Motion to approve: Jim Poptanich; Second: Fitzgerald Kelly.
- 5) **County Librarian – Laurel Prysiazny.**
  - a) Grand Opening at Teague Elementary. This is our second joint school library partnership.
  - b) Possible new building locations include Clovis, Reedley, Gillis, Cedar-Clinton and Politi. Debbie inquired about Clovis and Laurel explained she has met with Clovis city officials and that we have been working on this for two years.
  - c) Library Foundation held its Inaugural Gala at the Audi-Porsche dealership on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 people attended and \$20,000 was raised to support the Foundation. Its current initiative is to equip a mobile classroom for the Library called the Digi Bus. This will allow the Library to deliver classes and Internet connectivity to our youth in rural areas of the County.
  - d) Reading and Beyond donated a bus to the Library. We will be using this donation for the Digi Bus. Jim questioned on the insurance and Laurel explained that the County is self-insured.
  - e) The Lunch at the Library Program were a huge success. It was held at Central, Caruthers, Fowler and Sanger. Over 3,000 kids were served lunch and provided with a fun craft as well. We hope to expand this program next summer.
  - f) We will be having our 100<sup>th</sup> annual staff meeting this October 13<sup>th</sup>. It covers Staff training and development.
  - g) We have all the WoW! cars logo in place, plus an informational brochure describing the service.
  - h) Passed out the Annual Report which is an info-graphic.
  - i) Kelley spoke on the County-wide Open House at every branch on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Jim stated there was no advertisement in his branch.
  - j) Laurel explained that we will be adding librarians to branches. There will be some movement as well.
- 6) **Coalinga Librarian - Mary Leal. (Steve Whithall)**
  - a) Discussed Measure B Fiscal report.
  - b) Coalinga Library Renovation project is \$1,200,000. Bidding is in October 2014; bid opening in November; and construction to start in January 2015. Mary provided a breakdown sheet for review.
  - c) Summer Reading Program the Paws to Read was a success. It was attended very well. A total of 622 patrons attended 20 different programs.
- 8) **Budget – Carina Gil**
  - a) Carina gave a handout and recap of expenditures. She went over revenues and the fund balance increase.

**9) Planning for next meeting:**

- *Date:* January 21<sup>st</sup>
- *Location* Selma Branch Library.
- *Time:* 6:00 PM.
- *Agenda item:* Jim Poptanich asked that the resolution setting out the Citizen Panel's role and responsibilities be reviewed at the next meeting as he expressed concern that Laurel had not had staff improve kiosk signage as he requested at the last Panel meeting. Debbie Ikeda expressed concern that this was an operational issue and not the purview of the Oversight Committee. Laurel said she would bring the resolution to the next meeting.

**10) Adjourn:** 7:30 PM Motion to adjourn: Debbie Ikeda ; Second: Jim Poptanich.