



Measure B Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

January 17, 2018

Members Present: Jim Poptanich, Judith Preuss, Fitzgerald Kelly, Shelley Orth, Peter Rooney, Bob Speechly, Mary Leal, Artie Padilla and Rhoda Gonzales
Staff Present: Kelley Landano, Raman Bath and Karen Coletti
Guests: None.
Regrets: Debbie Ikeda and April Henry.

- 1) **Call to order:** Jim Poptanich called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2) **Introductions:** Kelley introduced Raman Bath as the new Fresno County Associate Librarian. Raman has been with the County for years and was promoted from within the library system. Raman will be overseeing HR, Public Services and Facilities.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Adopted. **Motion to Approve:** Speechly; **Second:** Padilla.
- 4) **Approval of September 20, 2017 Minutes.** Minutes approved with corrections and adopted. **Motion to Approve:** Pruess; **Second:** Orth.
- 5) **County Librarian – Kelley Landano.**

Programs and Services

- a) Community Outreach we define geographic and demographic then try to find out what the community needs. We held our first Community Conversation with veterans at the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library. We have also met with some senior citizen groups as well.
- b) The Big Read is Back, and was awarded by NEA Big Read Grant. The kick off was last Saturday at the Woodward Park Regional Library. This year the book is The Latehomecomer, by Kao Kalia. The kick off was well attended by 106 people. Kelley read a portion of the book; it is a story of the grandmother telling her story. We had Hmong dancers and some distinguished speakers, there are many more events coming up so look for the programs.
- c) The Wow! Library department is working with other County Departments, such as Behavioral Health to provide staff training and elsewhere in the community on mental health and understanding issues and development of empathy for the mentally ill.

Finances

- a) Board of Supervisors approved the 2017-2018 Budget.

Technology

- a) Broadband Connectivity in all but 11 in FCPL have moved to the CENIC network. Plan is to complete the next 6 are underway. The last branches are: Auberry, Bear Mtn., Big Creek, Firebaugh and Piedra.
- b) Libraries Illuminated Grant FCPL will be a pilot program. It will help support expansion of iPad story times in our branches which will incorporate using apps for books, flannel

boards, music and participatory activities, mobile printing. This will be at our Sunnyside and Woodward branches.

Facilities

- a) Clovis meetings have started with Public Works on regular basis, and Art Dyson has been hired as the Architect. We are currently working on choosing a color and materials palette.
- b) Reedley is beginning to strategize for fundraising. There is a new location that has been brought to the table. It is a great location and we will be taking it to the Board of Supervisors.
- c) West Hills Community College is still in negotiations for co-locating the Firebaugh Public Library in the new college facility project. We would share a 4,800 sq. ft. space. We are still working with the architects and we have been working on this since before 2000.
- d) Sanger upgrades to start in March for new paint, carpet, railings and push doors. The branch will be closed March thru May.
- e) We will be meeting with April Henry to work on Highway City this next month.
- f) Facilities Assessment is completed and at the CAO's office for review. Raman and Kelley will be meeting with the CAO before it goes before the Board of Supervisors.
- g) Administration Office at Central Library has been spruced up along with the reception area. The staff conference room and second floor has all been painted and some artwork along with some new furniture added. We are trying to get a warmer appearance for meetings and public.

6) Coalinga Librarian - Mary Leal

- a) Discussed the addition to the Huron Library and the budget is \$1,400,000. They are starting the prep work.
- b) Balance sheet for Coalinga-Huron Library district. Please review at your leisure.
- c) Press release on the Chevron partners with the Coalinga-Huron Library District to bring 3D printers and virtual reality headsets to life. It is providing LutzBot Mini 3Dprinter with supplies and 5 Samsung Galaxy, S5's to complete Virtual Reality Headsets.
- d) 3D Create Print Share, very easy to use.
- e) We would like to get more students for our Virtual Reality Workshops. Adults want to try it but not around the students. There is a motion sickness possibility and we are not letting children under 10 use it.
- f) Christmas pictures were taken and had a great turnout over 200 were taken and it was free to all who participated.
- g) Passed out a Winter Break Program schedule and Mary shared that they all were well attended through the holidays.

7) Budget – Jeannie Hurtado.

- a) Measure B Fresno 16/17 financials not ready yet for auditor, they will be ready in late February.
- b) Measure B savings commitments for future construction projects, contingency and facilities maintenance reserves at \$30,000,000.
- c) Library Funds, handout. Fitz inquired about attrition rate and Jeannie explained it varied from departments. There was discussion on vacancies and Kelley explained we will always have vacancies due to Library Assistant and part time. We do have staffing up at the beginning of this year.
- d) Went over the current and history figures for Fresno, Coalinga and combined Sales Tax proceeds. Fresno actuals collected is \$8,848,640 on target. Budget estimates for fiscal year 2017-18, \$17,138,334 which reflects a 4.3 % decrease from last fiscal year. Coalinga actuals collected were \$253,435. For the 2017-18 budgets the State estimates an additional reduction in tax proceeds. Combined Measure B Collected: The cumulative combined total at this time is \$236 million.
- e) The department budget was a 4% decrease from last fiscal year. This is in alignment with Governor's May report on sales tax projections with a slight decrease. Actual to date receipts will be higher than budget estimates. Projected is estimated at \$17,138,334. We will be on target and may come in higher.

8) Planning for next meeting:

- a) Date: May 16th, 2018.
- b) Location: Fowler Library
- c) Time: 6:00 PM

9) Roster:

- a) Correction on Peter Rooney's address.

10) Adjourn 6:51 PM. Motion to Adjourn: Kelly; Second: Speechly.