



Measure B Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

April 3, 2024

Fig Garden Regional Library

Members Present: Linda Renn, Aimee Kawasaki, Debbie Ikeda, Deb Janzen, Judith Pruess, Tammie Wenter, Rhoda Gonzales, and Bradley Miranda
Staff Present: Sally Gomez, Joel Cadenasso, and Karen Coletti
Regrets: Jim Poptanich and Mary Leal
Guest: Brooke Peyton

- 1) **Call to Order:** Debbie Ikeda called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2) **Introductions:** New member Bradley Miranda was introduced. He is an Ag/Science teacher at Mendota High School. He has been at Mendota High for 9 years.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve agenda **Janzen; Second: Gonzales.**
- 4) **Approval of January 10, 2024, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes as presented **Pruess; Second: Gonzales.**
- 5) **Coalinga Librarian - Mary Leal – No Report.**
- 6) **County Librarian – Sally Gomez.**
 - Public Services**
 - We have 42 applicants for our Library Assistant vacancies. We are in the process of setting up interviews. This is the first batch.
 - We are piloting a program with the County’s Department of Public Health to use our Community Book Assistance program to give our gently used weeded children’s books a second life through their Children’s Services programs. The first batch of 200 books were dropped off last week. The books will be available to parents and children in interview rooms and the families are welcome to take the books with them for their personal home libraries. All of the books are marked as having come from the Fresno County Public Library and are a meaningful way to keep Measure B funded materials in the County family but also directly benefit at risk children and families in need. We are giving our weeded books, “new life” through programs run by Social Services, Behavioral Health and other County programs that work with children and young adults.
 - Marketing and Community Relations**
 - FOL just had their Annual Meeting, great turnout. They will be electing their new president at their April meeting.
 - Marketing has submitted their initial project brief to the marketing firm the County contracted out. We are awaiting their recommendations but, the project will be a campaign for new library card sign ups.
 - Our Mobile App is available again.
 - Community Engagement**
 - We are having our 25th Annual Poetry Contest, it runs April 1st – April 30th. The awards ceremony will be held in June.
 - Summer at your Library running June 10th – July 31st.

7) Measure B Sales Tax Collection Report – Joel Cadenasso

- **Fresno Countywide Financials**
 - Budget Recommended FY 23-24 Operational Budget: \$39.67 million. Estimated Fund Balance Reserve surplus \$4.65 million.
 - Prior Year Expenses: FY 22-23 Expenses through June 30, 2023, \$33.626 million with revenues collected \$45.569 million.
 - The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 22-23 is now available at the County website. Feel free to visit under Auditor-controller/Treasurer to view year-end financial statements for the County of Fresno by fiscal year and County budget.
 - Fresno Library Pas History Summary, Existing costs based on 1989-99 (Pre-Measure B funding) provided by Property Taxes and MOE. Cumulative Excess 57,737,175.
- **Measure B Revenues-Fresno & Coalinga Monthly Tax Proceeds**
 - Measure B expires March 2029. The collections from State are distributed to jurisdiction percentage: Fresno 98%/Coalinga-Huron 2%.
 - Revenue in the current year has decreased 1.36%. Growth in the previous year's revenue was 1.08%.
 - Currently Collection: Ther reports for Fresno, Coalinga, and combined Sales Tax Proceeds. A. FY 23-34 Fresno \$15,269,773. FY 23-24 Coalinga-Huron \$374,506.
 - Fresno the FY 23-24 budgeted amount of \$26.2 million for total revenue represents a slight decrease of 0.9% (\$232,086) from FY 22-23 collections at \$26,432,086. FY 22-23 collections were \$287,977 more than in FY 21-22, 1.08% increase.
 - Coalinga prior year collections at \$648,272 revenue in FY 22-23 , were \$6,940 more than in FY 21-22, a 1.108% increase. Anticipate a slight decrease of 0.9% (about %,700) to \$642,600.
 - Combined Measure B Collected: The last page reflects the history of actual receipts since FY 2012-13: Since FY 2013-14, (ten years, seven months), the combined receipts are \$million. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$394 million.

9) Next Meeting will be at Woodward Park Regional Library on July 17th, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

10) Roster is all up to date with no corrections noted.

11) Everyone is in good standing with their attendance.

12) Motion to Adjourn at 6:42 PM **Janzen; Seconded: Kawasaki .**