

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION**

November 13, 2017  
6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

**B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**C. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Casady, Elasowich, Kunkee, Schreiner, Windes, Scalabrini\*

Absent: None

\*Commissioner Scalabrini arrived at 6:05

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Kunkee asked if the photo of the commission with the student readers be included in the archive minutes.

P. 3, paragraph H - Commissioner Schreiner asked that the minutes indicate that Commissioner Windes shared Commissioner Schreiner's report on Dr. Hartzell's presentation.

Commissioner Schreiner moved to approve the September 11, 2017 minutes as corrected. Commissioner Windes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Casady, Elasowich, Kunkee, Schreiner, Windes, Scalabrini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**E. CEREMONIAL**

None

**F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Librarian's Report – Melissa McCollum, Library Manager

Ms. McCollum reported on the Kid's, Teen and Adult programs.

Kids

- MakMo Wednesdays continue to be very popular for elementary students
- Book Clubs for Kids are currently being held at Pacific Elementary school as a pilot program to try to boost attendance and it seems to be working.
- First All Abilities sensory-friendly Storytime will take place November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00

Teens

- Girl Empowerment Skate Panel attracted over 80 people. The event featured

- professional skateboarder Cindy Whitehead and local panelists
- Escape Room offered again for Teens and there will be one offered for Adults in January
- Starting a new series called Adult 101 in November for teens on select Thursdays from 4:30-5:30pm. Subjects include etiquette, workplace know-how and public speaking

#### Adults

- Librarians Michael Mackavoy, Claire Moore and Melissa McCollum were the featured speakers at the Older Adults Dine and Discover event at Joslyn Center.
- 3D printer program MakMo program offered to Older Adults at Joslyn Center.
- Special program, Silent Running – Local Rick Farrell spoke about WWII and screened rare submarine footage from that time
- Screening of Godzilla vs. Mothra with related trivia and prizes – Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 pm.

Resident Owen Totsky, student at Mira Costa High School on school assignment, voiced that he was frustrated by the past Middle School library rule changes regarding use of devices, which he feels are too restrictive.

### **G. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Work plan discussion – Commissioner Casady reported that he met with Mark Lipps from the Chamber of Commerce and pitched the Lunch at the Library idea, which Mr. Lipps liked very much. Commissioner Casady stated that the next step is to choose a speaker who can speak on a business related topic. He added that if they do a lunch speaker, that speaker may be able to hold an evening event at Pages and get double the exposure in one day. Commissioners Casady and Windes will work with Mark Lipps, Pages and the library to move this forward.

Commissioner Casady spoke with a member of the Cultural Arts Commission and there is Public Art Trust Fund money that needs to be spent. There may be opportunities for performing arts events at the library working in partnership with the Cultural Arts Commission. One idea is a Saturday evening Downtown with an event at the library under the stars. Manager Kelso will clarify whether Public Art Trust Fund dollars can be used for this type of event.

Commissioner Casady mentioned the Roundhouse Aquarium renovation and asked if there is some way to connect the Library Resources to the activities of the Aquarium.

Commissioner Kunkee mentioned that a representative from the Roundhouse had previously requested a bulletin board at the library that never materialized. Ms. McCollum mentioned that there is “Around Town” section on the second floor of the library where flyers for activities may be included in the activities binder.

Commissioner Windes asked if it was possible to go back to the old fashioned bulletin board, display box. Commissioner Kunkee asked the same. Ms. McCollum stated that a temporary one might be an option.

### **H. COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Windes reported that she and Commission Schreiner attended the Jose Lozano, Chicano Trickster art event at the Art Center and the follow up artist event at the

Library and both were well attended and lovely.

Commissioner Windes reported that the Blind Date with a Book was a success at the North End Art Walk. They were able to do a lot of education while talking to people and gave out 35 books in two hours. She and Commissioner Schreiner are planning to do the event again in February.

Commissioner Schreiner reported that she had attended the guided meditation by Julie Rader at the library and it was wonderful.

Commissioner Schreiner added that former commissioner, Gary Hartzell had sent out an email with an article regarding library usage by generation. The article stated that millennials are currently the biggest users of the library.

Commissioner Scalabrini asked if the hours of the library will change to accommodate the finals schedule for Mira Costa. Ms. McCollum stated she will discuss with staff to see if there is anything that can be done to accommodate. She added that it is easier to make adjustments to library hours based on specific events, like finals week, rather than permanent changes to library hours, since customers are used to the current library hours.

**I. STAFF ITEMS**

Manager Kelso reported that she had spoken with Camille Randolph regarding the little free libraries and she will be coming to a future meeting to give the commission an update on the progress.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Elasowich moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schreiner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Ayes: Commissioners Casady, Elasowich, Kunkee, Schreiner, Windes, Scalabrini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.