



Measure B Citizens Review Panel Minutes

January 25, 2023

Fig Garden Regional Library

Members Present: Jim Poptanich, Debbie Ikeda, Rhoda Howell-Gonzales, Tammie Wenter, and Deborah Janzen
Staff Present: Raman Bath, James Tyner, and Karen Coletti
Guests: Gary Mukai, Gary Lowe, Bruce Roberts, and Amy Roberts
Regrets: Mary Leal, Judith Pruess, and Linda Renn

- 1) **Call to Order:** Jim Poptanich called meeting to order at 6:29 PM after tour of the remodeled Fig Garden Regional Library given by James Tyner, Supervising Librarian.
- 2) **Introductions:** Chairman Poptanich introduced the Fresno County Library Grand Jury who were present at the meeting for observation.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve Agenda **Ikeda**; **Second:** Howell Gonzales.
- 4) **Approval of August 24, 2022, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes as is **Janzen**; **Second: Wenter.**
- 5) **Election of Officer:** Motion made to re-elect Chairman Poptanich by **Ikeda**; **Second: Janzen.**
- 6) **Coalinga Librarian – Mary Leal provided an update report below.**
 - Our libraries are open and working well, we are navigating with Covid.
 - Programming has included Winter Wonderland (Story Hour), Almas, Crafts, Story Hour, Eats, and Santa Pictures.
 - Financial Report is in the Measure B Fund report, and we are saving for future projects.
 - Community involvement on many different activities, the Christmas parade, Coalinga Fest, Down Syndrome Awareness, National Night Out, and Library Fall Festival (Market).
 - Received a Grant from Coalinga Elks for \$6,500.
- 7) **County Librarian – Raman Bath.**
 - **eServices:** Our ebooks do well, they were the highest used item during the pandemic. Our circulation is back to normal pre pandemic. Our highest is circulation is Woodward, Clovis, and Betty Rodriguez.
 - **Marketing:** Starting to discuss Measure B marketing and campaign. Some of the input was to show old branches, compared to some newer branches and hours before and after.
 - **Programs & Outreach:** Programming has picked back up, one of the things we did this last year was Fresno County Reads, and the book was *Sitting Pretty*. It did quite well, the subject was “Disability Visibility” as well as a specially designed Children’s Storytime created by our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, focusing on Diversity, and Inclusion. This program was in place of our Big Read.

- **Support Services:** Completed a system-wide Collection Assessment project on our non-fiction books. We expect to spend about 6.5% of our Library Materials budget for this project this year. That equals to about 22% of our print material purchases this fiscal year.
- This will be an ongoing project. This work includes purchasing:
 - Newer materials to replace outdated information.
 - New topics
 - Replacing well-used (still current) materials
- **Facilities:**
 - Clovis and Reedley cost estimation with design to build.
 - Selma renovation, in line with yearly renovation/remodel
 - Facilities manager left and is at our ISD Department over all County Facilities.
 - Auberry new siding.
 - Bear Mtn. roof repair in the future, will go with metal this time around.
 - Next year budget Selma will be getting a remodel.
 - Woodward stucco is completed and looks nice, next it is the roof.

8) Budget – Jeannie Christiansen (Recap below from handout provided)

- Fresno County Library, all revenue funds are used for operations, materials, collection, programming, facilities. Repairs and capital outlay projects.
- Expenses through June 30, 2022, \$30.622 million with revenues collected \$43.590 million. Excess surplus for the current year is \$13.111 million this represents an additional surplus \$8 million above our estimates.
- Raman went over the Fresno Countywide Financials (refer to handout).

9) Planning for next meeting.

- Fig Garden Regional Library and will offer call in capability as well.
- April 19th, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

10) Roster: Roster will be updated.

11) Attendance: Everyone is in good standing.

12) Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn **Howell-Gonzales; Second: Ikeda**