



## Measure B Citizens Review Panel Minutes

October 18, 2023

Fig Garden Regional Library

**Members Present:** Judith Pruess, Linda Renn, Aimee Kawasaki, Tammie Wenter, Rhoda Gonzales, and Deborah Janzen  
**Staff Present:** Raman Bath, Joel Cadenasso, Fae Giffen, and Karen Coletti  
**Regrets:** Jim Poptanich, Mary Leal, and Debbie Ikeda  
**Guest:** Brooke Payton

- 1) **Call to Order:** Raman Bath, County Librarian called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
- 2) **Introductions:** Panel introduced themselves, as did Brooke Payton, and Fae Giffen, Manager for Community Engagement,
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve agenda with addition to Public Comment after item 3) **Pruess; Second: Janzen.**
- 4) **Approval of July 19, 2023, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes as presented **Renn; Second: Gonzales**
- 5) **Coalinga Librarian - Mary Leal – Report given by Raman Bath, Fresno County Librarian**
  - a) Everything is going well at Coalinga and Huron Libraries.
- 6) **County Librarian – Raman Bath**
  - Fae Giffen, Community Services Manager discussed the Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit, the Fresno County Public Library is one of fifty United States Libraries selected to host this program. The dates are November 5<sup>th</sup>, through December 30, 2023. The Opening Ceremony will be held at Central Library on November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM. This event along with related special events at other locations such as Fresno State and Temple Beth Israel. The whole schedule is at [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org).
  - Fae Giffen also provided information on the Fresno County Reads Program. This is running October 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is community program. The books are *The Unwanted* for Adults, *We are Not Free* for New Adults, and *Red Berries, White Clouds, Blue Sky* for Children. All the selected books are available in print, eBook, and eAudiobook. The details and programs are listed at [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org).
  - Raman passed out a copy of the Grand Jury Report letter and went over it with the panel. Raman will send the link to the group so they can review.
  - Raman discussed the Community Survey we are working on, to go along with our Strategic Plan. He will send the link for the survey, please fill out and share with friends. We had a good response to it.
  - We received a grant from California State Library for 4 million that we must match, it is the Building Forward Library Facilities Improvement Program Grant. This will be used on Central Library, the roof, lighting, and windows. We are doing a quick assessment due to the time frame with the grant. It goes to the Board of Supervisors for approval on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The money can only be used for certain things on this project and has deadlines as well.

## 7) Measure B Sales Tax Collection Report – Joel Cadenasso

- Fresno County Library Fund 0107 for Fresno Library. All revenue funds are used for operations, materials collection, programming, facilities repairs and capital outlay projects.
  - Expenses through September 30, 2023, \$7.209 million with revenues collected \$2.614 million. Deficit for current year \$4.595.
- Facilities Planning, the library continues to set aside each year funds to address facilities project to be complete within each budget year (\$2-\$3 million each year) and additional reserves set aside for future facilities project in the Fund Balance.
  - Major Facility Repair and Replacement Projects – Budget Year.
    1. YR 23-24 \$2.2 million
  - Major Facility Reserves Set Aside 6 million in total. Increase by \$2 million this year based on % of current year Measure B collections budget estimates of \$23 million. For FY 23-24 Improvements & Replacements \$6.975 million and Capital Outlay Fowler Parking Lot \$300,000.
- We received the California State Library Award of \$4,195,847, with match of \$4,195,847.
- Joel went over Fund Balance Surplus as of 6-30-23 of \$79,510,175.
- Measure B expires March 2029. The collection from State is distributed to jurisdiction percentage: Fresno 98%/Coalinga-Huron 2%. Growth in revenue in the current year so far is about 0.11%. Growth in previous year revenue was 1.08%.
  - Currently Collection: The reports for Fresno, Coalinga, and combined Sales Tax Proceeds.
    - FY 23-24 Fresno \$2,079,595
    - FY 23-24 Coalinga-Huron \$51,004
  - 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 \$282,977 more than in FY 21-22, a 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 1.08% increase. Anticipate a slight decrease of 0.9% (about \$5,700) to \$642,600.
  - Combined Measure B Collected: The last page reflects the history of actual receipts since FY 2013-14: Since FY 2013-14 (ten years, one month), the combined receipts are \$202.7 million. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$380.5 million.

9) Next Meeting will be at Fig Garden Regional Library, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

10) Rhoda Gonzales gave Karen update for the Roster.

11) Everyone is in good standing with their attendance.

12) **Adjourn.** Motion to Adjourn at 6:47 PM **Janzen; Seconded: Wenter**