



Measure B Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

May 16, 2018

Members Present: Jim Poptanich, Judith Preuss, Fitzgerald Kelly, Shelley Orth, Peter Rooney, Bob Speechly, April Henry, Debbie Ikeda, Artie Padilla and Rhoda Gonzales.

Staff Present: Kelley Landano, Raman Bath, Jeannie Christiansen and Karen Coletti.

Guests: None.

Regrets: Mary Leal.

1) **Call to order:** Jim Poptanich called meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2) **Introductions: None.**

3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Adopted. **Motion to Approve:** Speechly; Second: Padilla.

4) **Approval of January 17, 2018 Minutes.** Minutes approved with corrections and adopted. **Motion to Approve:** Kelly; **Second** Speechly.

5) **County Librarian – Kelley Landano.**

Programs and Services

- a) Author Talk was held at West Fresno Branch, featuring Renee Watson, a Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King award winning author. Her latest book is *Betty Before X*, a look at 4 years in the childhood of Civil Rights activist, Dr. Betty Shabazz.
- b) Big Read, The *Latehomecomer* wrapped up it was on a memoir of a Hmong family centered on the grandmother telling the story of their journey to the US. The feedback we have received is positive. Central Unified wrote a very nice letter and informed us that it will be added to their curriculum.
- c) We had National Library Week April 16th-20th; we had different themes that were highlighted all week.
- d) Our 2nd Book Wrym Annual Convention was held April 21st and 22nd at Woodward Park Regional. We drew a crowd of 97 on Saturday and 134 on Sunday. Staff felt it was a huge success. This convention consists of Board games with role playing. Attendees said they were excited to know that the Library offered these kinds of programs and they would definitely check into using the library more now for other things.
- e) This weekend is our Annual Poetry Contest and Open Mic. It will be held at Central Library this year. Last year it was held at Bitwise and was attended by about 50 people.

Technology

- a) Our Teen Webpage had a makeover and launched last weekend. It can be accessed from a tablet, smartphone, or computer.
- b) We are looking into a pilot program on language interpretation software to assist with customer interactions and services. Discussion about Google Translate that it is easy, free, and accurate.

Facilities

- a) Clovis still doing Community Conversation Meetings. We have more to do and have already met twice with community, seniors, teens and the Vets. We are still scheduling meetings.
- b) West Hills College is moving forward and we are still working on Board Agenda Item to provide direction and permission for working with West Hills to develop a co-location of our libraries on new campus.

- c) Sanger has been closed since March 12th for renovations. No open date as of yet. It has been pretty extensive.
- d) Highway City groundbreaking is postponed. The Library will move services from Teague Elementary into new facility when completed. April added how much this facility is needed, that there are 40,000 people west of the 99 that have no service available to them.

Advocacy

- a) Attended Washington D.C. with our Development Officer, Susan Smith for National Library Legislative Day, May 7th and 8th. We met with federal Congressmen to lobby for continued and improved funding for libraries. Discussed the need for improved infrastructure for Broadband in the Central Valley and encouraged creation of incentives for telecommunications to lay fiber in rural and remote areas that they currently won't move into and the resulting digital divide that hurts the Central Valley economy and the ability for residents in those areas to compete for jobs, access services and connect with others.

Staff

- a) Our Staff has formed a SERVE Committee to help with team building. They are holding a picnic at Lost Lake.
- 6) **Coalinga Librarian - Mary Leal.**
- o Kelley reported for Mary. Huron addition is going to bid soon. The size will be 2,860 square feet and budget of \$1,250,000.
 - o Technology report we have wireless printing (color and black and white) Geekwise Coding program.
 - o Now they have three 3D printers and two Virtual Reality.
 - o Veterans Resource Center is now open.
 - o Blind Date with Book Program.
 - o We will be a June 5th 2018 Polling Place.
 - o We celebrated National Library Week.
 - o Our book sale raised \$711.00.
 - o Held Classroom visits.
 - o In and Out Reading Incentive.
 - o Summer Lunch and Reading Program.
 - o Seed Program.
- 7) **Budget – Jeannie Christiansen.**
- a) Jeannie provided handouts. First one was Measure B handout/Fresno Countywide Financials. We have provided a partial handout for library sections only. Feel free to visit the County website, then Auditor-Controller/Treasurer to view year-end financial statements for the County of Fresno by fiscal year and County budget.
 - o Provided the Fresno current year budget.
 - o Hygus donation fund of \$5,845,713 is committed toward future library construction projects. Eighty percent of Hygus funds have been received to date.
 - o Projected Budget savings for FY 2017-18 is \$3,389,656 primarily due to unfilled staffing vacancies.
 - o Measure B Savings Commitments – Future construction projects, contingency and facilities maintenance reserves at \$28,931,201.
 - o Costs by Fiscal Year through 2020-21.
 - o Unused Available Fund Balance estimates for fiscal year 2020-21 is \$2,607,219.

- Jeannie provided a construction timeline for Clovis, Firebaugh/West Hills, Reedley, and Highway City.
- b) Next Budget Year – Fresno County.
- Budget Expenses \$29,401,126
 - Facilities One-Time Main \$380,000
 - Capital \$1,224,000
 - Total Recommended \$31,005,126
 - Total Revenues \$28,637,384
 - Use of Measure B Available Fund
- c) Measure B Revenues – Tax Proceeds.
- History of figures for Fresno, Coalinga and combined Sales Tax Proceeds
 - Fresno: Actuals collected \$14,398,639 reflects a 1.3% increase from last fiscal year.
 - Coalinga: Actuals collected \$412,392.
 - General: For fiscal year 2018-2019 budgets, the State estimates steady tax proceeds.
 - Combined Measure B collected: The last page reflects the history of actual receipts since FY 2009-2010. The cumulative combined total at this time is \$242 million.
- d) Annual Letter.
Citizens Review Panel accepted the letter to go to Board of Supervisors and Jeannie and Jim will meet for his signature. Jeannie will then submit to the Board.
- 8) **Planning for next meeting:**
- *Date:* September 19, 2018
 - *Location:* Woodward Park Regional Library
 - *Time:* 6:00 PM
- 9) **Roster:** Update Judith's email.
- 10) **Adjourn 7:11 PM. Motion to Adjourn: Ikeda; Second: Kelly.**