



Measure B Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

February 24, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Jim Poptanich, Debbie Ikeda, Shelley Orth, April Henry, Robert Speechly, and Judith Pruess.
Staff Present: Raman Bath, Jeannie Christiansen, Mary Leal, and Karen Coletti.
Guests: None
Regrets: Rhoda Gonzales, Tammie Wenter, Steve Rapada, and Kathy Burrows.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Jim Poptanich called meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
- 2) **Introductions: None.**
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve Agenda as is Pruess: **Second:** Speechly.
- 4) **Approval of January 22, 2020 Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes as is Poptanich; **Second:** Ikeda.
- 5) **Coalinga Librarian – Mary Leal.**
 - Library services through Covid -19, we started with closed to staff and patrons, then went to open for staff only and they worked in their pods with safety protocols in place. Our next step was curbside delivery then added computer use only, and we are still there. We do have opening guidelines in place, and they have been approved by our Board of Supervisors.
 - Programming is limited we have Take Home Crafts for children, Storytime is virtual now. Summer Reading is in the planning stage and there will be one. We are hosting a Virtual Photo Contest for the first time. Staff is working on Digitizing Newspapers.
 - Repairs to roof at Coalinga needed repair had to get two bids, one was local but much higher.
 - Audit Report will be provided by Jeannie.
 - Received a Copycat Grant in the amount of \$10,400. We used it for a Codable Robot Greeter, Nathan is working on it. It was through the Library Services Technology Act.
- 6) **County Librarian – Raman Bath.**
 - Gave update on how services went at start of the Covid pandemic to present. There have been many stages, and everything depends on the Department of Health and the CAO for approval. Many moving parts to keeping public and staff both safe. We are open for curbside and certain days now to come inside. The services are still limited inside, 1 hr. stays, no restrooms and no meeting rooms are available. We have been fortunate that no employees have contracted Covid at work locations. We have had many on teleworking, but many cannot, and we are closing the gap on teleworking and leaning towards more open hours and services. We are slowly approaching 4 days a week for inside service. Staff shared that curbside is very labor intensive. It has been slow with the public coming back.
 - We have taken the time to bolster our infrastructure inside and outside of facilities. Fig Garden is going to start moving along, Covid held up permits.
 - We have offered online programming it is not ideal but better than nothing. We are working on our Summer Reading Program now and using a lot of

same vendors as last year. Bob Speechly commended the library with the services, and you are doing a great job, and much appreciated.

- Jim Poptanich gave an update on the FOL at Fig Garden and stated they will be ready to help in buying furniture for the new remodel of Fig and glad that it will finally get started. Jim also stated how happy everyone was with the addition of James Tyner to staff at Fig Garden. Debbie Ikeda inquired on Clovis. Raman gave information as to how the construction will go. There was a Groundbreaking last week for the Transit Hub and Senior Activity Center. The Library will be built last. Due to the size of the area and certain City/County procedures that is how we have landed.
- Jim Poptanich requested that attendance for last year go by the wayside, and everyone agreed since they had not met since last January. Jim went over the terms of the Panel, and that they should go ahead and work towards normal procedures this next year. The Panel will start meeting through Zoom again quarterly. They will meet in June and bring forward the letter to go to BOS.

7) Budget – Jeannie Christiansen – Handout was mailed out via email.

Fresno Countywide Financials

- Current Year Operational Budget: \$32,631 Million.
- Prior Year Financials FY 2019-2020, pending County Auditor’s Office finalizing the financials. We anticipate reports being issued in March 2021. Free feel to visit under Auditor-Controller/Treasurer to view year-end financial statements for the County of Fresno by fiscal year and County budget.
- Fund Balance (Measure B Savings) planning and strategies continue for below.
 - a.) Prior Year: Estimated Fund balance 6-30-2020. \$44,777,430
 - b.) Clovis Library Total Project 16,660,000
 - c.) Reedley Library Total Project 8,593,000
 - d.) New Highway City (Community Center) 300,000
 - e.) Capital Outlay Highway City Construction 3,989,900
 - f.) Estimates Future 3-year fund increases 5,100,000
 - g.) Fund Balance after above commitments Est. \$20,334,530
(This includes net after Clovis and Reedley projects)
- **Projects Overview:**

Construction Timeline	
Clovis	
Firebaugh/West Hills Co-Located Library	
Reedley	
Highway City (re-locate to new Community Center space)	2019
Highway City 99-year land lease with option to build to suit 5,000 sq.ft.	TBD

Measure B Revenues-Fresno & Coalinga/ Monthly Tax Records

- Jeannie referred to reports in packet sent email. The 1st one reflects the current and history figures for Fresno, Coalinga, and combined Sales Tax Proceeds. Fresno is \$8.765 million. Coalinga-Huron is \$214,970.
- Fresno prior year collected \$19,050,876 in Measure B sales tax revenue collected, which is \$20,018; 0.11% increase over FY 2018-19.
- Coalinga prior year collected \$511,646 Measure B tax revenue collected, a 1.47% decrease from FY 2018-19.
- Combined Measure B collected the last page reflects the history of actual receipts since FY 2010-2011. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$309.9 million.

- Governor's budget for upcoming year, prelim figures indicate sales tax revenue forecasted growth of 9.7%.

8) Planning for next meeting.

- June 23rd, 2021 at 6:00 PM on Zoom.

9) Roster.

- Has been updated with reappointments.

10) Attendance.

- Everyone is in good attendance and was previously discussed earlier in meeting.

11) Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn: Pruess; **Second:** Ikeda.