



Measure B Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

July 21, 2021
Zoom Meeting

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

- 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 Orth: **Second:** Pruess.
- 4) **Approval February 24th, 2021, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes as is: Pruess
Second: Ikeda.
- 5) **Coalinga Librarian – Mary Leal.**
 - **Library Services as of April 1, 2021**
 - Door opened with limited services.
 - 30-minute sessions.
 - 40% capacity.
 - Masks required.
 - Health screening.
 - **June 18, 2021 –Patrons Attendance 121**
 - Re-opened.
 - Ice Cream Social to welcome people but it was not a reopening.
 - SRP Starts.
 - Games.
 - Veterans Resource Center.
 - **Programming/Outreach**
 - Summer Reading Program.
 - Take Home crafts.
 - Storytime – Virtual.
 - Cooking Lessons –Virtual.
 - Let Freedom Ring-July 4th Community Event 121 people attended it was great.
 - National Night Out – August 3rd Community Event.
 - Library Fall Festival – September, Wednesday evenings much like the Farmers Market we had previously.
 - **Financial Report –Prepared by Jeannie Christiansen**
 - **Additional Funding**
 - Emergency Connectivity Fund-Bridge Digital Divide Hot Spots.
 - Copycat Grant – Codable Robot Greeter – Amount \$10,500.
 - Library Services and Technology Act Funds.
- 6) **County Librarian – Raman Bath.**
 - **Library Services as of February 2021**

- We were open 3 days a week thru June then went back to normal as of June 15th.
- Our Regional Libraries went back to seven days a week. We did change some hours. Some hours have varied, and we went to 9-6 instead of 10-7.
- Looking at Fall for normal in Programming and meeting room reservations.
- We have signage at all branches and guidelines to follow.
- **Summer Reading Challenge**
 - Summer Reading Challenge has run June 7th ending July 30th. Some programs are virtual and recorded. You can look at everything we are offering at fresnolibrary.org.
 - We offered some Take and Make crafts that you could take home to do.
 - There were 700 sign ups online.
- **Additional Funding**
 - We received a grant for the purchase of hotspots and chrome books from the California State Library. This is to help bridge the gap on digitization.
 - They will be checked out for usage outside of library with a form to fill out. We will be able to disable usage if they are not brought back.
- **Facilities**
 - The Clovis project is moving again after a hold up on soil contamination at the site. We are the last building to be built in the complex.
 - Site plan draft for Reedley and ready. We have a great satellite branch at the Community Center. The Reedley Branch is still vacant, and Raman is working with County Counsel on the lease. Discussion on high cost of construction right now and how some things may go down, but we are still moving forward.
 - Fig Garden renovation has started. We have a satellite there in same complex. We have signage and offering curbside for right now. Our staff from Fig Garden has been utilized in other branches for now.

7) **Budget – Jeannie Christiansen (Recap below from handout provided)**
Fresno Countywide Financials

- Current Year Operational Budget: \$32.631 million estimated Fund Balance Reserve increased by \$3.2 million due to sales tax increase. See Monthly tax proceeds report.
- Recommended FY 21-22 Operational Budget: \$33,408 million. Estimated Fund Balance Reserve increase \$4,928 million.
- Prior Year Financials FY 2019-2020 expenditures \$28,744,000. Financials are available at the County website. Feel free 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.
 - **Prior year: Fund Balance 6-30-2020** **\$45,815,000**
 - **Clovis Library Total Project** **16,660,000**
 - **Reedley Library Total Project** **8,593,000**
 - **Capital Outlay Highway City Construction** **3,989,900**
 - **Estimated Future 3-year Fund increases** **10,500,000**
 - **Fund Balance after above commitments Estimate.** **27,072,100**

(This includes net after Clovis and Reedley Projects)

- **Project Overview:**

Construction Timeline	
Clovis	2022
Firebaugh/West Hills co-located library	2022
Reedley	2022
Hwy City 99-yr land lease with option to build to suit 5,000 sq. ft.	TBD

- Measure B Revenues-Fresno & Coalinga / Monthly Tax Proceeds
 - Measure B expires in March 2029. The COVID-19 pandemic impact was Measure B sales tax revenue has increased in FY 20-21 by about 53.2 million for Fresno and \$35,000 for Coalinga due in part to a shift in spending during the pandemic from services to goods, which are more likely to have sales tax leveled on them than services.
 - Fresno/Coalinga and combined Sales Tax Proceeds are Fresno \$18,407 million and Coalinga-Huron \$451,446.
 - Fresno prior year collected was \$19,050,587.6 in Measure B sales tax revenue collected, which is \$20,018; 0.11% increase over FY 2018-19.
 - Coalinga prior year collected was \$511,646 in 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 FY 2010-11 (ten years, ten months) the combined receipts are \$183.6 million. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$319.8 million.
 - Governor’s budget for upcoming year, prelim figures are forecasted to grow 11.8%. Estimated Measure B revenue in FY 21-22 is \$22 million.

8) Planning for next meeting.

. October 27th, at 6:00 PM. **Zoom** (Karen will send calendar invite as well as email with information and link).

9) Roster. Updated/send out revisions electronically.

10) Attendance. Everyone is good. Letter sent to Steve Rapada.

11) Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn at 6:39 PM Burrows; **Second:** Janzen.