



Measure B Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

January 22, 2020

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

1) **Call to order:** Jim Poptanich called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2) **Introductions:** Raman Introduced Sally Gomez, the new appointed Associate County Librarian. Sally spoke on her time with the Library and the EOC as a grant writer. She had been with the library and left for 5 years and then returned.

3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve Agenda as is: **Ikeda**; Second: **Henry**.

4) **Approval of October 9, 2019 Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes as is with correction on page 2, 8) coma to comma. **Orth**; Second: **Speechly**.

5) **Election of Officer** motion made to Nominate Jim Poptanich. **Speechly**; Second: **Ikeda**.

6) **Coalinga Librarian – Mary Leal**

- State Library Report worked on Coalinga Huron Library District Annual Report 2019.
- Have started working on Strategic Planning.
- Financial reports will be presented by Jeannie Christiansen.
- Tech report, coding club, 3DPrinting (3), Virtual Reality – Vive and Oculus (2) VR Goggles –Oculus go (2 Wireless Printing color & black and white), One Gig Connection, Chrome Books – 20 Each Library (Grant Funded), Upgrading Computers.
- Adult Specialist New Hire and working on increasing Adult Programming
- Winter Break Action, Santa Pictures 275 and Program attendance was 325.
- Jim ask about funding for the Summer meal program. Mary receives USDA help, but Jim is going to send her some information on other available funds.

7) **County Librarian – Raman Bath.**

- Sally Gomez is our new Associate County Librarian, Sally 9 years hiatus of 5 years as grant writer then came back
- Big Read, Citizens: An American Lyric. Kick off will be at Central February 8th, at 2:30 PM. Claudine Rankin. Race Poverty. 2 mos. Other events schedule,
- Very Successful Evicted display at Central finished in December moving display. Been on for November and December. Many different people getting evicted. Interesting display and energized a lot of interesting discussion
- We are actively looking into leases and building spaces based on facilities assessment. We are looking at some of the deficiencies. Some are month to month.
- Working Scholars Program, we have 9 staff members that were accepted out of 900 applicants.
- Attended the Tolberry Book Club 40th Celebration in November 13th. It was generated with people from Tollhouse and Auberry
- Attended the Bear Mtn 25th Birthday Celebration on December 7th.
- We have two vacant manager positions and interviews are this Friday. Sally and I will be interviewing the candidates
- I have customer service and expanded programming as my goals for 2020 as well as those in keeping with our new strategic directions
- Clovis meeting tomorrow night.

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- April added in some statistics for Highway City. The 3-month average was 450 on only 16 hours a week. Plans for adding more programs and working on community needs.
- Suggestions for Overdrive bus, to make a trip to Highway City.
- There are 3 other tenants in the Community Center, Centro La Familia, HCCD, and Central Unified along with the Library. April gave a tour of facility to Citizens Review Panel.

8) Budget – Jeannie Christiansen,

- 1) Current Year Library adopted FY 2019-20 budget is \$31.2 million.
- 2) Prior Year Financials FY 2018-19, pending County Auditor's Office finalizing the financials. We anticipate reports being issued in late February 2019. 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.
- 3) Fund Balance (Measure B Savings) – planning and strategies continue.
 - a. Prior year: Estimated Fund Balance 6-30-2019 (pending CAFR release)
\$38,531,000
 - b. Clovis Library Total Project
\$16,600,000
 - c. Reedley Library total Project
\$8,593,000
 - d. New Highway City (Community Center)
\$300,000
 - e. Capital Outlay Highway City Construction \$
3,989,000
 - f. Estimates Future 3 –year Fund increases \$
5,100,000
 - g. Current year: Estimated fund balance at end of June 30, 2020
\$15,793,376
- 4) Projects Overview
 - Clovis 2021
 - Firebaugh/West Hills co-located Library 2022
 - Reedley 2021
 - Highway City 2019
- 5) Enclosed is the Capital Outlay FY 19-20 Budget Narrative for \$25,253,000 for the Clovis and Reedley Libraries.

Measure B Revenues Fresno and Coalinga Monthly Tax Proceeds

Measure B expires in March 2029. Panel discussed getting the logo out there and showing the public early. Visuals will be helpful to public to show what it could be like without Measure B.

1. Fresno: FY 2018-19 actuals reflect \$19,030,858 in Measure B sales tax revenue collected, which is \$2.03 million higher than budget estimates and a 7.67% increase over FY 2017-18. Budget estimates for fiscal year 2019-20 is \$18.5 million.
2. Coalinga: FY 2018-19 actuals reflect \$519,281 in Measure B tax revenue collected, a 10.98% increase from FY 2017-18.

9) Planning for next meeting.

- *Date:* April 22, 2020
- *Location:* Woodward Park Regional Library
- *Time:* 6:00 PM

10) Roster was correct with no additions.

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11) Attendance, everyone is in good standing. Bob Speechly was not present in November please remove from attendance sheet.

12) Adjourn 6:45 PM. Motion to Adjourn: Speechly Second: Ikeda