



Measure B Citizens Review Panel

Minutes

April 19, 2023

Fig Garden Regional Library

Members Present: Jim Poptanich, Mary Leal, Judith Pruess, Linda Renn, Aimee Kawasaki, Tammie Wenter, and Deborah Janzen
Staff Present: Raman Bath, Joel Cadenasso, and Karen Coletti
Regrets: Debbie Ikeda and Rhoda Howell – Gonzales

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Poptanich called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2) **Introductions:** Chairman Poptanich introduced Linda Renn who is from Caruthers and representing District 4, and Aimee Kawasaki is a Clovis resident and representing District 5, both are avid library users. The Library also had Joel Cadenasso attending for the financial updates.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve with date correction on Agenda **Pruess;**
Second: Janzen.
- 4) **Approval of January 25, 2023, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes with correction to item 11) **Pruess; Second: Janzen .**
- 5) **Coalinga Librarian - Mary Leal**
 - **Programming/Community Events:** We hosted Autism Awareness Walk. Programs consisted of Almas Crafts, Coding Club, Gaming Mondays, In and Out Reading Incentive, Story Hour, Fun Eats (staff were trained in food handling), Day of the Child at West Hills, and School Visits. Coalinga and Huron Library will be celebrating National Library Week next week, they will have programs all week at both branches.
 - **Financial Report:** This year is for upgrades on our two facilities Coalinga and Huron.
 - **Maintenance Accomplished:** This is the fixit year, so far, we have HVAC repairs, new cameras, inside and outside lighting upgrades, plumbing repairs, and new furnishings.
 - **Grants:** We received a grant from Coalinga Elks for \$6500. We did Cozy Up with A Good Book Program. It provided everyone with a new book and gloves. We also did Spheros and Ozbots program with STEAM.
- 6) **County Librarian – Raman Bath.**
 - **eServices:** Online resources, Rosetta Stone being used and doing well. Crafts Seeds, doing well. Ground News, platform, authentic, peer review with no political views. Literacy course added. Magazines have been renewed.
 - **Programs & Outreach:** Prom Event at Betty Rodriguez was held. Clothes that were gently used, cleaned, and sanitized were donated. The kids came in by appointment, we had 190 by appointment. We are also doing pop ups in the Tranquillity and Caruthers at the end of the month. There was also a Walk to Mordor program that was interactive and well received. Storytime seems to be well attended.
 - **Facilities:** Held the Grand Reopening, yesterday at Fig Garden Regional Library. It was a great turnout. There were many interactive activities, as well as performers. Clovis is going well, property swap agreement is going to City of

Clovis tomorrow. We should be having a groundbreaking. There should be no more hold ups.

- Applying for an infrastructure grant through the California State Library. This would be for Central Branch. It would help with roof, lighting, electrical, windows, and HVAC. These can all be done without ADA compliance. The Associate County Librarian as well as a manager is working on the grant.
- We have our Annual Poetry contest coming up and Fig Garden is hosting it this year. There will be 4 different categories.
- Reedley land ready to go, construction build, everything done, signed off and board approved. RFP is in the process.

7) Budget – Jeannie Christiansen – Update given by Joel Cadenasso (Recap below from handout provided)

- Measure B expires March 2029. The collections from State is distributed to jurisdiction percentage: Fresno 98% and Coalinga-Huron 2%.
- Growth in revenue in the current year so far is about 4.5%.
- Current Collection: FY 22-23 Fresno is \$15,479,528. FY 22-23 Coalinga-Huron \$379,650.
- Fresno anticipates surplus this year \$3.1 million from budgeted amount of \$23 million for total revenue of \$26.1 million. This would represent a slight decrease of 0.2% from FY 21-22 collections at \$26,149,109. FY 21-22 collections were \$3,089,196 more than in FY 2021, a 13.4%.
- Coalinga anticipates a slight decrease of 0.2% in collections to around \$640,000. Prior year collections at \$641,332 revenue in FY 21-22, were \$75,766 more than in FY 20-21, a 13.4% increase.

8) Planning for next meeting.

- Next meeting will be July 19th, 2023 at Fig Garden Regional Library at 6:00 PM.

9) Roster: Roster correction on new member Aimee Kawasaki's phone number.

10) Attendance: There are no attendance issues, and everyone is in good standing.

11) Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn at 6:52 PM **Pruess; Second: Renn.**