



## Measure B Citizens Review Panel

### Minutes

May 12, 2025

Fig Garden Regional Library

**Members Present:** Marcia Sablan, Debbie Ikeda, Deb Janzen, Tammie Wenter, Linda Renn, Aimee Kawasaki  
**Staff Present:** Sally Gomez, Joel Cadenasso, Karen Coletti, and Katrina Peine  
**Regrets:** Bradley Miranda, Jim Poptanich, Mary Leal and Judith Preuss  
**Guest:** Brooke Payton

- 1) **Call to Order:** Sally Gomez called meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
- 2) **Introductions:** Katrina Peine introduced herself as the new office assistant to the library administration. She has worked in the library since 2021 but only in administration since February.
- 3) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to Approve agenda **Ikeda; Second: Janzen**
- 4) **Approval of January 13, 2024, Minutes.** Motion to Approve Minutes with correction **Renn; Second: Ikeda**
- 5) **Coalinga Librarian - Mary Leal**
  - No report.
- 6) **County Librarian – Sally Gomez**  
**County Librarian**
  - The County has a new process for naming rights. Handouts were given, Fresno Counties publication of the new administrative policy.

#### **Public Service**

- Yer Vang was hired as the new Supervising Librarian for the Water Tower cluster. An experienced librarian who has worked with us before.
- Recruitment for part-time Library Assistants was opened, and we are hoping to fill 20 vacancies. Deb Janzen wondered if we had considered consolidating some roles. Sally expressed that we were.

#### **Community Engagement**

- 2025 Reading Challenge is on-going with May being Information/Nonfiction and June being Mythology/Fairy tales. The program is being held through Beanstack.
- Prom Events happened on February 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Fig Garden Regional Library 479 in attendance. 242 outfits and over 650 items were given away. Orange Cove had a mini event with 35 people in attendance. Event is growing and may need to partner with other organizations to relieve pressure on Library Staff. Brooke Payton mentioned partnering with American Assistance League.
- Poetry Month was in April, the annual contest was held and received 299 submissions. Grades 3-5 had 32 entries, grades 6-9 had 66, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> had 97 and the adults had 104 entries. The Awards Ceremony will be at Woodward Library June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

- Summer at Your Library is June 16<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup> an annual program that includes a reading challenge and programs and activities for all ages. In person programs will be like years past. Summer meals outreach is being partnered with the host sites and will coincide with other outreach events at the same location.

### **Support Services**

- La Fayette Display at the Heritage Center for one week.

### **Facilities**

- Sanger HVAC replacement will be completed, and we plan to return to normal operation by the end of May.
- Selma is still closed and remodeling in progress.
- Terry and Sally met with Darden Architects for Clovis and Reedley and awaiting mockups.
- Terry, Sally, and Gabe hosted Demco in April. They visited the new Politi. Awaiting design and furniture layout to continue project. They also visited Central and some rural branches.

## **7) Measure B Sales Tax Collection Report – Joel Cadenasso**

### **Fresno Countywide Financials**

- Budget Recommended FY 24-25 Operational Budget: \$44.2 Million. Estimated Fund Balance Reserve surplus \$275,680.
- Prior Year Expenses: 23-24 Expenses through June 30, 2024, \$34.45 million with revenues collected \$47.7 million.
- The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for FY 23-24 is now 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.
- Sunnyside Lease renewal with bathroom ADA upgrades. Increase rate to \$1.42 sq ft.
- Easton roof and HVAC, and parking lot completed.
- Central roof replacement completed.
- Parlier HVAC and new exterior signage East and North side of building completed on Dec 20.
- Selma remodel through estimate June 2025. Public furniture, shelving, circulation desk and staff task chairs-estimate June 2025
- Politi lessor permits and renovations for library use.
- City of Fresno- Talking book major upgrades and maintenance at center of estimate July-Oct 2025. Expectation of a new agreement with Fresno City.
- Clovis Library Total Project (includes inflation estimate) 26,170 sq ft. \$24,450,000. Award contract Harris Construction- December 3, 2024. Phase I design plan check Feb-July 2025. Public Works design and contract administration -Clovis & Reedley project \$2,350,000. Interior Furniture & Start up \$2,500,000.
- Reedley Library Total Project (includes inflation estimate 13,994 sq. ft. \$13,000,000. Award contract Harris Construction -December 3, 2024. Phase I design plan check Feb-July 2025 \$1,500,000.
- State Library: Grant Match Building Forward Facilities Improvement, they will 50%. Total project \$8,391,694 with \$4,195,847 coming from our budget.
- Public Branch Remodel and Fire Suppression design/Install Selma \$6,00,000
- Purchase-Baskin Robbins (purchase completed) \$1,573,200.

- Capital Outlay Highway City Constructions (increase for inflation) 7,000,000.
- Additional Facilities Contingency Contribution this fiscal year 2,000,000.
- 10% of Operations \$31 million Contingency.
- Restricted Library donation for branches \$1,181,624.
- Total excess Reserve Fund Balance \$91,431,802.
- Fund Balance after above commitments estimate \$782,201.

**Measure B Revenues-Fresno & Coalinga Monthly Tax Proceeds**

- Measure B expires March 2029. The collections from State are distributed to jurisdiction percentage: Fresno 98%/Coalinga-Huron 2%.
- Revenue in the current year has increased 1.27%. FY 23-24 revenue decreased by 1.31%.
- Currently Collection: The reports for Fresno, Coalinga and combined Sales Tax Proceeds. FY 24-25 Fresno is \$15,477,308. FY 24-25 Coalinga-Huron \$365,220.
- Fresno: Anticipate that Measure B Sales Tax revenue will be around the FY 24-25 budgeted amount of \$25.9 million.
- This represents a decrease of 0.7% (\$189,244) from FY 23-24 collections at \$26,089,244 collections were \$342,842 less than in FY 22-23, a 1.3% decrease.
- Coalinga: Prior year collections at \$635,601 revenue in FY 23-24 were \$12,671 less than in FY 22-23, a 1.95% decrease. Anticipate a decrease of 3.8% (about \$24,000) to \$611,600 in FY 24-25.
- Combined Measure B Collected: The last page reflects the history of actual receipts since FY 2012-13 since FY 2014-15 (ten years, one month), the combined receipts are \$227.64 million. Since 1998, the combined receipts are \$420.97million.

9) Next Meeting will be at Fig Garden Regional Library on August 6th, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

10) Roster reviewed and good.

11) Everyone is in good standing with their attendance.

12) Motion to Adjourn at 7:05 PM **Ikeda**; **Seconded: Wenter**.