

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION**

March 14, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Manhattan Beach Library Meeting Room

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 06:30 PM.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Elasowich, Kunkee, Hartzell and Casady

Absent: Commissioner Cleamons

Others Present: Director of Parks and Recreation, Mark Leyman and recording secretary, Linda Robb

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 8, 2016 - Commissioner Hartzell moved to approve the February 8, 2016 minutes as written. Commissioner Kunkee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Kunkee, Hartzell and Casady

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Commissioner Cleamons

E. CEREMONIAL

None

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit)

Commissioner Elasowich opened the floor to audience participation.

Melissa McCollum, Library Manager – gave the following updates on Library programs and partnership.

The Beach Cities Read program partnership with the Redondo and Hermosa Beach libraries will focus on *Plastic Ocean* by Capt. Charles Moore. There are many events associated with the program throughout April. There will be an Earth Day beach cleanup on April 23rd from 10:00-12:00. Teen Friends of the Library will have a booth at the Earth Day celebration on April 30th to educate kids about how to reduce usage of plastic. There will be a film screening in Hermosa Beach on April 21st and a TedX event in Redondo Beach on April 29th.

The teen robotics event held on March 11th was very successful.

The first community interactive forum was held in partnership with the Manhattan Beach Senior Citizens Resources Committee, the Historical Society and other partners. 50 people attended. The next forum will be Steve Meisenholder talking about People, Trains and Sand. In April Alison Rose Jefferson will speak about African-American leisure, Southern California Tales and Bruce's Beach. She is hoping to get the Surfrider Foundation and City of Manhattan Beach Environmental Programs to come and speak in May or June.

Ms. McCollum met with the Cultural Arts division and they have some exciting programming ideas to collaborate and utilize the outdoor space.

The Library is partnering with the MBX Education Foundation to offer some parenting classes in April and May at the library and the school district offices.

The Library partnered with Senator Ben Allen and a Girl Scout troop for two book drives.

Commissioner Hartzell asked if the names of the various librarians could be listed on the website. Ms. McCollum stated that she would make the recommendation to the IT department for consideration.

Commissioner Kunkee suggested an expanded history of the library on the website.

Commissioner Casady inquired about author speakers. Ms. McCollum replied that some libraries have a budget for author speakers. Currently the Manhattan Beach library does not have a budget but the Friends of the Library have expressed interest in supporting that kind of program.

Ms. McCollum reported that the anniversary party for the library will be May 1st outside on the patio with music and free art.

The floor was closed to public comment.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

None

H. COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Hartzell stated that he is impressed and enriched by Ms. McCollum's reports and would like to have a section on the agenda called Librarian's report. He moved that a section call Librarian's report be added to the Agenda. Commissioner Kunkee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Kunkee, Hartzell and Casady

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Commissioner Clemons

Director Leyman will work with the City Clerk to determine where the item will appear on the agenda. Commissioner Casady requested that the audience participation come after the Librarian's report.

Commissioner Kunkee spoke with a resident who is a Mom and Me instructor and would like to see more manipulatives and high quality toys especially when related to a book display. The resident also asked if the public library would be interested in reading to dogs and if the Library Commission interfaced with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Kunkee asked the commission if they would be interested in organizing some kind of mixer with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Casady asked about reading to dogs. Melissa answered that it is a good way to get children comfortable with animals and create an atmosphere where children can read without judgement.

Commissioner Kunkee asked Ms. McCollum to advise the best way for people to convey suggestions regarding the library. Ms. McCollum stated that they can come directly to her or to the Commission with their ideas.

I. STAFF ITEMS

Director Leyman will keep the commissioners updated on the joint meeting date. He stated that collaboration with other commissions is encouraged and he could organize a tour of the City on the Dial a Ride bus with the other commissions for interaction.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartzell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Casady seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Kunkee, Hartzell and Casady

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Clemons

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01.