

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

September 11, 2017  
6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

**B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**C. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Elasowich, Kunkee, Windes, Scalabrini

Absent: Commissioners Casady, Schreiner

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Windes moved to approve the August 14, 2017 minutes as written.

Commissioner Kunkee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Windes, Kunkee and Scalabrini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Casady, Schreiner

**E. CEREMONIAL**

Recognition of Outstanding Readers in the County of Los Angeles Public Library's  
Manhattan Beach 2017 Summer Reading & Discovery Program

Library Manager, Melissa McCollum introduced Childrens' Librarian, Michael Macavoy;  
Teen Librarian, Claire Moore and Penny Markey, facilitator of the Kids Book Club.

Mr. Macavoy introduced the Outstanding Elementary School readers:

Charlie Johnson – a voracious reader who stated that the Harry Potter and Nerds series are  
his current favorites.

Ziad and Salma Elhariry (not present) were recognized by Mr. Macavoy as great users of  
the library. They have been using the library frequently since the opening and use many of  
the library amenities including the kids and teen areas, meeting rooms and laptops.

Ms. Moore introduced the Outstanding Middle School readers:

Riya Singh – frequently visited throughout the summer and completed 2 of the summer  
challenge cards totaling 20 challenge items. She read 18 books over the summer. When  
asked what she loves about reading, she replied that she likes that she feels like she is  
with the characters and can feel the emotions of the characters.

Elizabeth Goldman – active with the National Charity League volunteer program and helped administer the challenge. She read 27 books over the summer. When asked what she loves about reading, she answered that she loves that it takes her to an entirely different world.

Athena Lejeune (not present) – read a total of 36 books, her favorite was a book called Pax by Sara Pennypacker. Athena sent a statement, read by Ms. Moore, stating that Pax was beautifully written as if Peter was telling the story and she feels touched by raw emotions sprouting from the story no matter how many times she reads it.

Ms. Markey introduced herself as the volunteer who runs the book clubs for the library. She introduced Amelia Zhang who was in the younger kids (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) book club but started reading books from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade book club. She has read 18 books through the club and participates in discussions. Amelia shared that she likes science fiction and non-fiction and that one of the main reasons she comes to the library is for the book club.

Ms. Moore introduced the High School readers:

Nadia Owen – She has been an active member of the Teen Friends of the Library since the opening and she's also a summer reading volunteer. She stated that she likes watching how the characters grow and how it intertwines with the setting.

Karah Innis – She is a Star volunteer who has worked over 40 hours for the library and read 25 novels this summer. She learns about new books largely through social media.

Sierra Harvey (not present) is an avid reader who prefers adult contemporary fiction. She is also a volunteer who has become an employee. Sierra has read a total of 2100 pages this summer.

#### **F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Librarian's Report – Melissa McCollum, Library Manager

The commission thanked Ms. McCollum and her staff for coordinating the night's recognition.

Late Night at the Library – August 25<sup>th</sup>. The library was open from 8:00-10:00 showcasing the current art exhibit at the Manhattan Beach Art Center. The following Saturday, the artists came back and held a workshop for children. This was a collaboration between the library and the Cultural Arts division. The next Late Night will be held on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00.

Commissioner Windes commended the National Charity League for the amount of work the volunteers did to make the event a success. Ms. McCollum praised the volunteers.

Commissioner Kunkee mentioned that there are clubs that look for opportunities to volunteer and commended the library for choosing a volunteer organization as it benefits both entities.

The solar eclipse event was very successful with about 150 people attending. Attendees could watch the NASA eclipse coverage and eclipse viewing glasses were available to share. The viewing glasses were generously provided by the Friends of the Manhattan Beach Library.

Upcoming programs:

Ms. Moore is working on a series of I Count films. She has put together a series for elementary school children that will be shown on the third Wednesday of every month at 3:30pm.

Ms. Moore is also the lead for Global Cardboard Challenge, Saturday, September 30. This event will also feature the MakMo.

Free Watercolor workshops will be offered October 15, 22 and 29. Ray Patrick will be the instructor courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

A cooling center was activated during the hot weather. It operated Friday through Monday, 11-9 during the heatwave. Ms. McCollum thanked her staff for coming in to staff it.

The second order the FOL outdoor furniture arrived and is already being used. She thanked the Friends for the donation.

Commissioner Windes stated that if students would be interested in preparing books for the Blind Date with a Book, it would be appreciated.

Penny Markey, resident - stated that she is proud to live in this community that values their library so much and that Ms. McCollum is doing a fabulous job with programming and engaging the community.

#### **G. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Discussion of Library hours – Manager Kelso recommended tabling the issue until data is available from the County and given to the City Manager. A discussion is scheduled between the County and the City Manager in November. Commissioner Kunkee added that there were a couple of options being talked about. One is to add hours and the other is to adjust hours and detailed data is needed.

#### **H. COMMISSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Windes commended Ms. McCollum for her and her staff's work for the library. Beyond Books was amazing. It was great to have artists at the library. Commissioner Windes shared Commissioner Schreiner's report on Dr. Hartzell's presentation about the television westerns, which was well attended and very informative.

The North End Art Walk will feature Blind Date with a Book. Commissioner Windes encouraged everyone to join the event and to help wrap books.

#### **I. STAFF ITEMS**

Manager Kelso announced that the regularly scheduled October meeting falls on the Columbus Day holiday. Commissioner Windes moved to cancel the October meeting. Commissioner Elasowich seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Windes, Kunkee and Scalabrini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Casady, Schreiner

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Windes moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Elasowich seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Windes, Kunkee and Scalabrini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioners Casady, Schreiner

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.