

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

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ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Adams, Cooperman, Hook, Popovich and Rhees

Absent: None

Others Present: Recreation Services Manager Mark Leyman, Steven Klein, Los Angeles Council Library, Manhattan Beach Library Manager Don Gould and Recording Secretary Jane Grace

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Library Commission were approved as written.

CEREMONIAL

Commissioner Popovich welcomed the newest member of the Commission Josh Cooperman and asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves.

Commissioner Cooperman indicated that he and his wife and children moved back to Manhattan Beach two years ago from Dallas, Texas. His two children attend Pacific School. He indicated that is the only place they wanted to live and they “are home.”

Commissioner Rhees reported that she is President of the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club, a resident of the tree section and a top producer at Shorewood Realtors and recently sponsored the Manhattan Beach Movie Nights.

Commissioner Hook reported that she is a 15 year Manhattan Beach resident in the tree section, is an attorney with two children in Kindergarten and 2nd grade at American Martyrs.

Commissioner Adams reported that she is a 25 year resident in the sand section, a past president of the Hometown Fair and currently the City Services liaison for the Hometown Fair.

Commissioner Popovich has been a resident of Manhattan Beach since 1988, has two daughters, 6th and 9th grade. Her 9th grader attends Chadwick and is presently in India at a conference. She lives in the beach section.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

09/1005 – Selection of 2009/2010 Library Commission Officers

Mr. Leyman reported that annually, the Library Commission is required to select a Chair and Vice Chair for the Commission. In the past, officers have been selected on a seniority basis. Commissioner Popovich is the current Chairperson. Commissioners Rhees, Adams and Hook would be next in line to serve as Chair and Vice Chair.

A motion was made to select Commissioner Rhees as Commission Chair. (MSC: Adams/Hook; unanimous.)

A motion was made to select Commissioner Adams as Vice Chair. (MSC: Hook/Rhees; unanimous.)

09/1005-2 – Review of 2009-10 Manhattan Beach Library Special Funds Allocation

Commissioner Popovich reported that there is a limited amount (\$50,000) of funds that we usually allocate to the Manhattan Beach Library for library services and materials. Community Library Manager Don Gould presented the following request for expenditure of the Manhattan Beach Library Special Funds allocation for FY 2009-2010. He reported that these funds are intended to augment the funds we receive from the County.

• Adult Print Materials	\$14,700
• Children’s Print Materials	\$13,000
• Audio Visual Materials (Children & Adults)	\$16,700
• Periodical Subscriptions	\$ 4,600
• Equipment/Furniture	\$ 1,000
Total	\$50,000

Mr. Gould indicated that they may not even need to use the \$1,000 for equipment and furniture. Commissioner Rhees indicated that if the \$1,000 is not needed for equipment she would like it to be added to the children’s print materials allocation.

Commissioner Adams inquired why there were no requests for computers. Mr. Gould indicated that the County has just provided all new computers for the library and there is no space for additional computers.

A motion was made to approve the special fund allocation for 2009-2010 as presented. (MSC: Hook/Rhees; unanimous)

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Commissioner Rhees reported that she had a really good time doing the L.A. Opera Reading at the library sponsored by Supervisor Don Knabe. Several tremendous singers attended and the children and adults loved the event.

- Update on Library Expansion Project

Mr. Leyman reported that County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd and City Manager Geoff Dolan have set up a meeting on October 19 with all the finance and real estate teams to discuss where we are with the library expansion project. The Library

Commission will be holding its next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 9 to discuss the outcome of the meeting with the County.

- Commissioner Rhees reported that she and Commissioner Adams attended a CPRS commissioner training meeting held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Joslyn Community Center. One of the ideas that they came away with from the meeting was the idea of having the entire city and all the residents pick a book, i.e. “Three Cups of Tea” and unify the city by everyone reading the same book. We could have a kickoff multi-generational event at the library and invite the author to speak. Commissioner Rhees reported that Mayor Cohen “challenged” the Council, Commission and the residents of Manhattan Beach to do something like this in our city.

Commissioner Hook suggested that our first step might be to have an author speak at a library event. If we are embarking on an expansion program which will require public funds, it would make sense to start now with doing more adult programming. She suggested that we have a goal of having a couple of speakers a year to get more people visiting the library and understanding our needs. Mr. Kline suggested that the local book stores, i.e. Borders or Barnes and Noble, would be able to provide you a list of writers doing major tours. Commissioner Cooperman volunteered to call the local book stores for this information.

Commissioner Cooperman asked whether the concept could be expanded to include other forms of media such as audio/visual, for example, doing something like a documentary. Commissioner Rhees suggested there could be a multi-media facet could be added to the program but we should probably put a blueprint together on how to proceed with just a book. Mr. Gould reported that the Manhattan Beach Library has a high quality projection/sound system which could be used for a multi-media event.

Commissioner Popovich suggested that this program should be placed on the Commission’s next meeting agenda and commissioners should come with ideas for a speakers’ series/documentary presentation/book organization. Mr. Kline suggested that before you embark on this type of project you need to know there is a lot of work involved and the commission should be clear about roles. Commissioner Adams suggested that the “city book read” could be a project for Leadership Manhattan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Jane A. Grace
Recording Secretary

Jan Rhees
Commission Chairperson