

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

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Manhattan Beach City Hall

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ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cooperman, Adams, Hook, Clemons, and Rhees.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Mayor Wayne Powell, Recreation Services Manager Mark Leyman, and Recording Secretary Mary Kirchwehm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hook requested that the following changes be made to the June 11, 2012 minutes:

General Business: The second paragraph on page three, “largest” should be changed to “most frequent.” Also add the word “foyer” after “current library.”

In the second to last paragraph on page three, add “ADA accessible” after “affordable” and remove the sentence that follows. Insert the word “been” after “have.”

In the last paragraph on page three, replace “people are” with “some resident may be” and insert “include project status” after “water bills.”

On page four, the third to last paragraph, replace “etc.” with “and future library drawings.” In the following sentence, replace “a lot of” with “much” and replace “on” with “about.”

The Commission approved the June 11, 2012 minutes as amended.

CEREMONIAL

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

12/0709-1 Selection of 2012/2013 Library Commission Officers

Recreation Services Manager Mark Leyman reported that annually the Library Commission is required to select a Chair and Vice Chair for the Commission. In that past, officers have been selected on a seniority basis.

MOTION: Commissioner Adams moved that Josh Cooperman be appointed Chair to the Library Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rhees.

Ayes: Commissioners Hook, Adams, Clemons, Rhees, and Cooperman.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

MOTION: Commissioner Rhees moved that Cheryl Clemons be appointed Vice Chair to the Library Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooperman.

Ayes: Commissioners Hook, Adams, Clemons, Rhees and Cooperman.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

12/0611-1 – Discussion of Temporary Services and Community Outreach

Commissioner Hook inquired of the outcome of the City Council meeting on July 3, 2012 regarding temporary library services. Mr. Leyman reported that there were scheduling conflicts for County staff to attend the meeting, and therefore, the item was rescheduled to the July 17, 2012 meeting. Mr. Leyman also reported that staff prepared a comprehensive staff report covering a number of issues including extensive feedback from the public regarding various temporary service options for consideration. Mr. Leyman reported that the staff report will be available to view on Friday, July 13, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Adams inquired if all the comments that were raised at the last meeting are included in the staff report. Mr. Leyman reported that all the comments at the last meeting were added to the staff report. Commissioner Rhees inquired if the Commission is privy to the staff report before it is released to the public and how would the Commission's comments and questions be addressed. Mr. Leyman reported that any questions or comments could be brought up at the City Council meeting. Commissioner Hook inquired if there will be clarification, at the City Council meeting, with what is being requested of City Council regarding temporary services. Mr. Leyman stated that everything that was discussed at the previous Commission meeting such as express library services, the children's librarian, Dial-a-Ride, and use of facility rooms for reading will be discussed. Commissioner Hook inquired if City Council will be voting to allocate monies towards services. Mr. Leyman reported that it is at the City Council's discretion.

Commissioner Rhees inquired if the Library Commissioners are permitted to speak at the City Council meeting. Mayor Powell reported that everyone is permitted to speak as a resident, but not on behalf of the Commission.

Mayor Powell reported that hard copies of minutes and agendas pertaining to interim services are available at the library reference desk. The City Council meeting on July 17, 2012 will provide another opportunity for the public to give their input regarding interim services.

Commissioner Hook reported that she would contact Manhattan Beach Library Manager, Don Gould, to inquire if information regarding the status of the library can be displayed in the glass case that is located in the library foyer.

Commissioner Adams suggested that information such as a brief description of temporary services and a timeline be included in the display case as well as meeting notices.

Commissioner Rhees inquired about the status of temporary services. Commissioner Hook reported that the Commission cannot do anything further, and it would be City Council's decision if anything further can be determined. Commissioner Cooperman reported that his understanding is that all the information will be compiled in a staff report which will be presented to City Council on July 17, 2012. At that meeting, the community can provide their input. Mr. Leyman reported the subject of community outreach is also included in the staff report.

Madonna Newburg, senior citizen, suggested that a citizens' committee be formed to address temporary services to include a temporary building.

Esther Besbris, senior citizen, reported that many residents would like some of the funds to be used to set up an interim library in town. She stated it is not acceptable that a temporary library is not a viable option.

Commissioner Rhees invited the public to attend the City Council meeting on July 17, 2012. She inquired about a capital campaign for a temporary library. Commissioner Cooperman reported that a lot of time and energy has been spent in considering all the user groups regarding temporary services and is unaware of any group that has not been considered when determining temporary services. Although temporary services will be a bit of an inconvenience, Commissioner Cooperman reported that it can be worked around. Commissioner Hook reported that there have been lengthy discussions regarding interim services and that at this point it is up to City Council to make a determination.

COMMISSION ITEMS

None.

STAFF ITEMS

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2012.