

NAPA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Payne-Clark called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., in the Napa County Library, 580 Coombs St., Napa CA.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Lonnie Payne-Clark, Rudy Perez Arroyo, Patti Krueger, A. Shelby Valentine, Stacy Barrett, Pamela Kindig, Dina Greenberg, Scott J. Owens, Jr. and Teresa Abeyta

Absent: Danis Kreimeier

Assistant Director of Library Services, Anthony Halstead and former Commissioners Kim Wildman and G. Jack Bengé attended the meeting.

Introductions were made around the table with current Commissioners welcoming the three new Commissioners: Stacy Barrett, Rodolfo Perez Arroyo and Patricia Krueger.

AGENDA ORDER:

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne-Clark and seconded by Commissioner Greenberg to amend the agenda order to move items 6.a and 6.b forward, right after the adoption of the agenda order with an 8-0 yes vote with Commissioners Payne-Clark, Perez Arroyo, Krueger, Valentine, Barrett, Kindig, Greenberg and Owens, Jr. voting yes.

6. a Recognition to thank departing Commissioners Bengé and Wildman

Departing commissioners G. Jack Bengé and Kim Wildman were recognized for their leadership roles and the contributions they made while serving on the Library Commission. The Assistant Director and Library Commissioners thanked them for their service. A gift of appreciation was presented.

6. b Discussion and possible action to select Library Commission officers for one-year appointments

Commission Chair Payne-Clark nominated Commissioner Kindig to serve a one-year term as Chairman of the library commission; she accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. With a show of hands a vote was taken to elect Commissioner Kindig as Chairman of the Library Commission with an 8-0 yes vote with Commissioners Payne-Clark, Perez Arroyo, Krueger, Valentine, Barrett, Kindig, Greenberg and Owens, Jr. voting yes.

Commission Chair Payne-Clark nominated Commissioner Owens, Jr. to serve a one-year term as Vice Chairman of the library commission; he accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. With a show of hands a vote was taken to elect Commissioner Owens, Jr. as Vice Chairman of the Library Commission with an 8-0 yes vote with Commissioners Payne-Clark, Perez Arroyo, Krueger, Valentine, Barrett, Kindig, Greenberg and Owens, Jr. voting yes.

Commissioner Kindig thanked Commissioner Payne-Clark for his leadership role as Chairman of the Commission and everyone agreed. At this time, the Commission Chair was turned over to Commissioner Kindig.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Valentine and seconded by Commissioner Payne-Clark to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015, meeting as written with a 4-0 yes vote with Commissioners Payne-Clark, Valentine, Kindig and Owens, Jr. voting yes, Commissioners Greenberg, Perez Arroyo, Barrett, and Krueger abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Update on the Calistoga remodel project

The Assistant Director reported that on March 3, 2015, the Calistoga City Council voted to adopt a resolution approving the proposed renovation of the Calistoga library. The Director is now moving forward and working out the details for the project. Commissioners were very happy to hear that the project is approved and moving forward. Commissioner Valentine noted that the CEQA requirements have yet to be addressed.

- b. Update on the Poet Laureate appointment

The Assistant Director reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the appointment of Beclee Wilson as the new Poet Laureate for Napa County.

NEW BUSINESS:

- c. Discussion and possible action to elect two new jurors to the *Art in the Library* selection committee

Commissioner Valentine is serving the second year of her term as a juror on the *Art in the Library* selection committee. She spoke about the *Art in the Library* program and the jury selection committee. This year, there are two open positions on the selection committee. The coordinator of the *Art in the Library* program, Ms. Stephania Pramuk, has recommended two local artists as new jurors for the committee: Ms. Carol Dick and Mr. M.J. Schaer.

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Valentine and seconded by Commissioner Payne-Clark to elect Ms. Carol Dick and Mr. M.J. Schaer to the *Art in the Library* selection committee. With a show of hands an 8-0 yes vote was taken with Commissioners Payne-Clark, Perez Arroyo, Krueger, Valentine, Barrett, Kindig, Greenberg and Owens, Jr. voting yes.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Assistant Director reported that several people have been hired, and a few current staff members have been promoted and/or have moved to new positions. Breanna Feliciano has moved from the American Canyon Branch to the reference unit at the main library. Daniel Cottrell has moved from the main library to the Calistoga Branch, and Renee Lacy has moved from the Calistoga Branch to the American Canyon Branch. Caren Cucco is the new senior library associate in circulation. There are currently job openings in technical services and the Calistoga Branch.

Commissioner Valentine commented that she was pleased to have a Spanish-language speaker at the Calistoga Branch. She is also hearing very positive comments about the one-on-one tech training with Renee, and the new PAWS program. The PAWS program allows children to read aloud to a therapy dog. She stated that these new programs are a great service for the community. Ms. Valentine suggested using the library's Facebook page to introduce the new staff members, and encourages everyone to *friend* the library's Facebook page.

The teen librarian is currently getting the information out to teens about the opportunity to become a representative to the Library Commission.

LEGISLATION:

The Director urges everyone to continue to write letters to show your support for library services. After a successful campaign, Napa County libraries are receiving a grant to fund a portion of high-speed broadband internet access for the main and branch libraries through CENIC.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Birkholz, Payne-Clark and Valentine attended the meeting for the Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library groups to discuss and explore different models of consolidation and resource sharing. A report summary from the meeting has been prepared and Commissioners are encouraged to read the report.

The Town of Yountville is celebrating the five-year anniversary birthday of the community center; a meet-and-greet birthday party at the branch is being planned. Commissioner Owens would also like to start a discussion about having the branch library open on Friday.

Commissioners Valentine, Owens, Jr. and Payne-Clark would like to have a robust conversation about the consolidation meeting, the models the consultants are looking at and the report summary.

The new Commissioners are happy to be on the Library Commission.

Commissioner Valentine will be absent from the May meeting.

AGENDA BUILDING:

- Report on where CEQA stands concerning the Calistoga remodel project
- Report from the Director on the opportunities to increase library hours and the funding requirements
 - Discussion on adding Friday library hours for the Yountville Branch, additional hours at the American Canyon Branch and possible Sunday hours at the Main Branch
- Report on the PAWS program at the Calistoga Branch
- Discussion on the library groups consolidation strategy meeting and the joint session report summary that followed
- Future agenda item: Discussion on the selection process for future Poet Laureates, if applicable

SET DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Library Commission meeting will be held on May 7, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at the American Canyon Branch Library.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne-Clark and seconded by Commissioner Owens, Jr. to adjourn the meeting, all present in favor with an 8-0 yes vote with Commissioners Payne-Clark, Perez Arroyo, Krueger, Valentine, Barrett, Kindig, Greenberg and Owens, Jr. voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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