



Sacramento Public Library Authority

ACTION SUMMARY

SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY BOARD

Thursday, October 24, 2013 – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street
Sacramento, California

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1.0 Call to Order

In attendance: Angelique Ashby, Eleanor Brown, Gary Davis, Roberta MacGlashan, Kevin McCarty, Don Nottoli, Barbara Payne, Jeff Slowey and Robert Trigg. Linda Budge, Steve Cohn, Gary Davis, Jay Schenirer, Phil Serna and Jimmie Yee and were unable to attend the meeting.

Board Vice Chair Ashby declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Friends of the Library President Robert Gorham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

None

3.0 Closed Session – Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss matters pertaining to pending litigation: Oversight Board to the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency for the City of Sacramento v. Ana Matosantos, Director of the State Department of Finance, et al, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-80001637.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:07 p.m.

Vice Chair Ashby reconvened the Board with a quorum in open session at 3:16 p.m. An after-closed session roll call was taken with all of the aforementioned in attendance.

There was no report from closed session.

4.0 Director's Report

After referring the Board to her written report, Library Director Rivkah K. Sass made note of a public records request that had been received regarding the award of a contract for actuarial services. She said the Library is confident in its decision and that the vendor selected had submitted the low bid for services.

Information

- 5.0** Friends of the Sacramento Public Library Annual Report for FY 2012-2013
- 6.0** Monthly Financial Report – August 2013
- 7.0** Monthly Treasurer's Report – July 2013

The foregoing items were presented for information purposes only, and required no action by the Board. Friends President Gorham spoke briefly about the annual report and offered to answer

questions about it. He said the Friends are actively involved in donating books throughout the community and now have more than 100 places where books are being donated. Gorham concluded by reminding everyone about the Friends of the Library annual dinner on Friday night, Oct. 25, at the Elks Lodge, the pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, Oct. 26, at the Colonial Heights Library and the Poe Festival on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 26, at the Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

Consent Items

Following a reading of the Consent Calendar, Director MacGlashan asked why the August meeting listed on the 2014 Authority Board meeting schedule had been scheduled for Aug. 21 (a third Thursday), rather than the traditional fourth Thursday (Aug. 28, 2014). She said the date conflicted with a SAFCA Board meeting that same day and that several members of the Authority Board also serve on the SAFCA board. Ms. Sass offered to revisit the item, returning to the August 2014 calendar to see if a better date could be found. Ms. MacGlashan moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar but to table approval of the August date until a future Board meeting.

- 8.0 Action Summary – Sept. 26, 2013
- 9.0 Authority Board Meeting Schedule for 2014
- 10.0 Lease Contract: Maintenance and Custodial Vehicles

Board Action: **MacGlashan/Slowey** **Approved (9/0)**

Action Items

- 11.0 **Purchase/Cooperative Agreement: Computer Replacement (Requires roll call vote with two-thirds majority)**

Ms. Sass explained that this item was listed as an Action item rather than a Consent item because the Library used a state purchasing contract instead of putting the proposal out for bids. Vice Chair Ashby called for a roll-call vote:

Kevin McCarty: Yes
Jeff Slowey: Yes
Robert Trigg: Yes
Angelique Ashby: Yes
Roberta MacGlashan: Yes
Bonnie Pannell: Yes
Barbara Payne: Yes
Eleanor Brown: Yes
Don Nottoli: Yes

Board Action: **Approved (9/0)**

- 12.0 **Retiree Health Plan Contribution**

Ms. Sass said amendments to the Retiree Health Plan Contribution were being brought before the Board because Library staff had determined that there were items that needed clarification.

Vice Chair Ashby asked if the amended policy changed the retirement age from 50 to 55. Ms. Sass said the matter had been researched and it was determined that the Library has never had a retirement age of 50. She said that its inclusion in the policy may have been related to a decision made by the city some years ago.

Director Slowey asked when the appropriate time would be to talk about the policy in general as opposed to merely amending it. Ms. Sass said that Library counsel has advised Staff to wait until items currently on appeal are resolved. The motion was approved, with Director Slowey casting the lone dissenting vote.

Board Action: **McCarty/Pannell** **Approved (8/1)**

10.0 Chair's Report

Vice Chair Ashby reported that the 2X2 Committee that was selected to look at the potential renewal of the parcel tax that supports libraries within the City of Sacramento had been meeting and would have a report for the Authority Board fairly soon.

Ms. Ashby said that the committee is in a mode of research and that the timeline moving forward would depend on the decision about whether the parcel tax would be put forward in 2014 or 2016. And if 2014 was decided upon, would it be included on the June ballot or in the November election?

All strategies are being employed to find the most successful formula for the renewal of the tax, which expires in 2016, Ms. Ashby said, noting that the tax is insufficient for the city libraries supported by that funding. "There's a conversation about what would happen to the libraries within the city boundaries if we did not address the issue in 2016," Ms. Ashby said. Because the Authority Board next meets on Dec. 11, 2013, and the City Council won't take up the matter until later in December, Ms. Ashby said the committee probably would not report back to the Authority Board on the matter until January 2014.

In addition, Ms. Ashby asked that Authority Board meeting schedules for 2014 be sent to the staff members who handle the scheduling for Authority Board members and that updated schedules be sent when the August 2014 meeting date conflict is resolved.

11.0. Reports, Ideas and Questions from Board Members

None

12.0 Adjournment

This meeting of the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rivkah K. Sass
Secretary to the Board

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