



San Francisco Public Library

MINUTES
Council of Neighborhood Libraries
July 30, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Location: Latino Hispanic Room

CHAIR: Cathy Delneo

HOUSEKEEPING

- The next regular CNL Meeting will be on **Thursday, August 27, 2015**
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Latino Hispanic Room, Main Library, Lower Level
 - The next Steering Committee Meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 18, 2015,**
4:30 p.m., Room 601 – Main Library
 - The Library Commission Meeting for August is cancelled. The next regular meeting
will be held on **Thursday, September 17, 2015, 4:30 p.m.** Koret Auditorium.
 - Volunteers are needed to attend the Commission Meeting on:
Thursday, September 17
Thursday, October 15
- Commissioners really appreciate CNL members attending the meetings. There is so much to learn about what's going on at the library.

Announcements:

- **New CNL Members** – Cathy welcomed 3 new members –
Michael Leahy, Parkside Branch,
Kenny Chin, West Portal Branch
Rosa M Quinones, Mission Branch
- Katherine Jardine*, Friends of SFPL attended in place of Deborah Doyle.
- **New Northwest District Manager** is: *Lori Chan*, previous Acting District Manager and previous Branch Manager at Mission Bay Branch.
 - *Ilena Pulu*, Acting Branch Manager at Visitacion Valley is the Branch Manager, effective August 15.
 - *Marion Masa*, Children's Librarian at Mission Branch is the Branch Manager, effective August 15.

- *Anne Vannucchi*, Acting Branch Manager at Eureka Valley is the Branch Manager, effective August 15.
- **Grants to Branches Report** – *Alice Chan*, Southeast District Manager:
 - Grants to Branches are generous funds provided by the Friends of SFPL to the branches to provide special programs in addition to regular programs beginning with fiscal year July 2015 – June 2016. A big thank you to the Friends for making these programs possible at the SFPL library branches.
 - The special programs for the branches are:
 - **Artistry and Craft Club** - Noe Valley, Ortega, Parkside, Visitacion Valley and West Portal branches.
 - **Culture to Culture** – Cultural themes related to dance and music – Anza, Eureka Valley, Glen Park, Mission Bay, North Beach, Oceanview, Park, Presidio, Portola, Potrero, Sunset, Visitacion Valley, West Portal and Western Addition branches.
 - **Health & Wellness** – Programs which promote awareness in health – Anza, Glen Park, Golden Gate Valley, Mission Bay, Noe Valley, Richmond and West Portal branches.
 - **Open House & Anniversary** – Anza, Bayview, Eureka Valley and North Beach branches will have Open Houses, while Bernal Heights will celebrate their 75th and Mission will celebrate their 100th anniversary.
 - **Taste It At Your Library** – Branches that partner with local restaurants to provide food tasting – Mission, Oceanview, Ortega, Park, Parkside, Portola, Presidio and Sunset.
 - **Branch Specific Programs** – Potrero Hill will hold an Artist Exhibition/Reception. Marina Branch will offer Docent Talks by FAMSF (Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco) and Richmond will offer Russian Music and Cultural Day.
- **CNL Recruitment Brochure** - *Benjamin Ibarra*, New public relations officer presented the new CNL brochure with its historical overview to recruit new members. He also presented a selection of pictures of patrons participating at the library for the members to chose from to place in the brochures. Two pictures were selected for Benjamin to incorporate in the brochure. When completed, the brochure will be sent to Cathy for review.

UPDATES

City Librarian's Report – Michael Lambert

BLIP Return on Investment Study Update

- Michael distributed a handout on “SFPL – A community and Economic Benefits Study of San Francisco’s Branch Library Improvement Program”.
- SFPL has been working with the Controller’s Office to do audits every year. The Controller’s engaged with BERK Consulting Company from Seattle this past fiscal year to look into the impact and return investment of BLIP. This study is the first of its kind to look at capital library programs.
- Consultants looked into the usage of libraries before BLIP (libraries were not safe, earthquake proof or ADA accessible) and their usage after BLIP.
- One example, is there are 10 additional meeting rooms in the branches after BLIP which helps to foster more foot traffic in libraries such as Mission Bay and Ingleside.
- Another example is the green LEED certification of libraries which is energy efficient, saving hundreds of dollars in energy.
- The full report which shows positive investment on the public libraries will be available in September.

American Library Association Annual Conference Report

Over 23,000 librarians turned out for the event.

SFPL offered twenty-nine (29) different events including tours, exhibits and parties.

Eighty seven (87) people bought tickets to take tours on two tour buses.

The Main Library and the branches looked extremely good, especially the TEEN Media Lab.

Teens help to design the Mix and presented their impressive report at ALA.

Three hundred fifty to four hundred librarians attended the International Reception with the President and Executive Director of ALA.

The highlight of the weekend was the participation of SFPL and the Library Commissioners in the Gay Pride Parade.

Luis, City Librarian rode the new spoken word bicycle leading the procession in the parade.

Michael was on cloud 9 as he skateboarded his way throughout the entire parade.

ALA held their last conference in San Francisco about fifteen years ago. They should be back in 2021.

ACTION→ Possibility of presenting the CNL representative program at ALA in 2021?

Next year, the conference will take place in Orlando, Florida.

General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee (GOBOC) Report – Maureen Singleton

- The GOBOC goal is to provide the public with seismically, safe, accessible technologically updated and code compliant city owned branch libraries in every neighborhood.
- Maureen presented five (5) powerpoint slides on GOBOC which included:
 1. BLIP Revenue and Expenditures
 2. BLIP Metrics & Audits
 3. Construction Change Orders
 4. Impact of BLIP
 5. Key Lessons Learned
- The GOBOC Report may be viewed electronically by sending an email request to Maureen.Singleton@sfpl.org.

Friends Report – Katherine Jardine

- Katherine Jardine has been working in communications with the Friends for three years. Today, she filled in for Deborah Doyle.
- The book sale will be held on to the public on September 16 – 20. Post cards with \$1 off coupon were passed around to the group.
- A reception with food and wine and first access to all the books on sale is being offered to the members of the Friends on Tuesday, September 15 from 4-8pm.
- Weekly step book sales are held in front of the Main Library every Wednesday. All items are \$1.
- The Book Donation Center on 438 Treat Street will be moving to 1630 – 17th Street during the summer offering more office space for on-line sales.
- Marcia Parrott, Excelsior Branch inquired about the free Little Libraries. Katherine says the Friends paid for thirty (30) Little Libraries to be built by AirB&B and are currently stored at 190-9th Street on the 3rd floor. Hoping to have more Little Libraries out in the community.

- The Friends are always looking for volunteers. Ellen Egbert says it a fun thing to do because people are so happy volunteering. Also, books are free when volunteering.

Commission Report – Ellen Egbert / Sue Blackman

- July's Commission meeting had a short agenda.
- The members discussed the Controller's Study on the "BLIP Return on Investment".
- Luis gave an update on the ALA, American Library Association's annual conference; the Career on-line high school and the Discover and Go Passes.
- The Commission Meeting in August has been cancelled.
- The Commission Meeting on October 8 will be held at Ortega Branch Library.

Next month's meeting - Cathy may arrange a tour of the Mix at the Main Library or may share the work that was completed by specific branch managers on community profiles

Cathy thanked everyone for attending this meeting today.

Adjournment: 5:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Josephine Lee