



San Francisco Public Library

MINUTES
Council of Neighborhood Libraries
September 24, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Location: Latino Hispanic Room

CHAIR: Cathy Delneo

Attendees: Miriam Pavis (BAY); Larry Ware (BAY), Marcia Parrott (EXC), Nora Dowley (GPA), June Drayton (Marina), Rosa M. Quinones (MIS), Nina Youkelson (NVA), Ruth Maginnis (NVA), Edna James (OVI), Linda Hughes (PRE), Elaine Cahn (RIC), Joan Walton (SUN), Deborah Oppenheim (SUN),

HOUSEKEEPING

- The next and final CNL Meeting of 2015 will be on **Thursday, October 29, 2015**
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Latino Hispanic Room, Main Library, Lower Level
- The next and final Steering Committee Meeting of 2015 will be on **Tuesday, October 20, 2015**,
4:30 p.m., Room 601 – Main Library
- The Library Commission Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 8, 2015**,
4:30 p.m. Ortega Branch Library.
- Volunteers are needed to attend the Commission Meeting on:
Thursday, October 8 – Ortega Branch
Thursday, November 5 _____
Thursday, December 3 _____

Commissioners really appreciate CNL members attending the meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ramses Escobedo, new Branch Manager at Excelsior will start in mid-October.

Review of Minutes – The minutes from August 26, 2015 were approved.

The Mix Tour

Larry Ware commented that the Mix is a wonderful thing and thanked all the people who put it together. He also shared stories about treasures throughout the city involving teens in interviews with older community members.

Ruth Maginnis wished there had been something for adults, however was very excited for the teens who displayed competence and a sense of ownership of the space.

Question: Can we keep the CNL apprised of outreach associated with the Mix?

Answer: Yes and we'll involve CNL in giving input.

City Librarian's Report – Luis Herrera

- Luis mentioned that teens were engaged in the entire process of designing The Mix.
- Luis pointed out how nice it would be to have this type of space for everyone.

Ingleside Library Garden-

- *Jasmine Kaw* designed the beautiful space.
- *Laura Bernabei, Teresa Ono, Deborah Doyle, Luis Herrera, Michael Lambert, Cathy Delneo and Denise Schmidt attended the opening.*
- Groups of kids were also present at the opening.
- Captured the easement space to create a park, with open land and interactive spaces for children and all community members.

- Supervisor *Norman Yee* did a wonderful job of getting City departments together to make the garden project happen.

Our Children, Our Families Council

- The Mayor has created a council focused on services to Youth committees chaired by the Mayor and Superintendent with Department Heads present at the meetings and community members on the council.
- Meetings are open to the public and input is appreciated.

BLIP ROI (Return on Investment) Report

- ***“Reinvesting and Renewing for the 21st Century”***
- A community and economic benefits study of San Francisco's Branch Library Improvement Program
- For every dollar invested, the return was \$5-9, resulting in a three million dollar economic benefit to the City.
- The report is available through a link at the Controller's Office webpage:
<http://openbook.sfgov.org/webreports/details3.aspx?id=2203>

Report Card for the City

- B+ average for all surveyed points.
- SFPL received an “A” for assistance to public at branch libraries. (A – for satisfaction of facilities) “Teacher’s Pet”

Safe & Welcoming Libraries

- A report on Safe and Welcoming Libraries was given at the Commission Meeting.
- **Jennifer Friedenbach**, Executive Director at the Coalition on Homelessness thanked the SFPL for their engagement.
- Incidents were down 50% from last year.
- The focus is on correcting behaviors to allow patrons to continue to utilize the library services.

- **Lava Mae** launched on Tuesdays at the Main. This service enables community members to access showers on wheels.
“Restoring dignity one shower at a time”
More information can be found at: lavamae.org

- **October 11th Closure at the Main**
- Work is scheduled to take place on the lower level restrooms.
- The staff from the Main will be working in the branches.

Friend’s Report – Deborah Doyle

- **Kristina Kearns**, Volunteer Manager and Outreach
- First day of the Friend’s Big Book Sale was on Wednesday, September 16.
- Book Sale Report - Used the smaller space at Ft. Mason which worked out well because of recent Friend’s building move.
- The book sale grossed \$160,000 net.
- There are now two sales per year. The Spring Book sale was also a big success.

IMBIBE-

- The next Imbibe event (an after-hours cocktail party for members of the Friends) will take place at Golden Gate Valley Branch on Friday, October 23 from 7 – 10 pm. The event will have a “Halloween theme”. Come in costume!
- Mix Party coming soon
- The new Friend’s building will hold their Open House on Saturday, November 14th.

The Bridge – Laura Lay

- Inter-generational programs
- Community Learning, Youth and Family Literacy

- Maker projects, art & technology
- Shared some items made in the Bridge
- Loom knit hats
- 3D printed objects
- We did origami with LED lights!

- **Announcements**

- Celebrate Bernal Heights Branch Library 75th Anniversary– Sunday, October 10 – 1:30pm – 4pm
- Crazy 8 years Celebration at Glen Park Branch Library – Saturday, October 24 – 1pm – 6pm

Adjournment: 5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Josephine Lee