

BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
6:30 p.m. at the Library – August 25, 2022
125 East Eighth St., Beaumont, CA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – C. Carr, M. Coleman, Bret Mahoney, L. Dickinson
ABSENT: M. Lillard-Geiser, S. Perry

REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA - Agenda was posted 72 hours in advance.

1. CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting.

MOTION: (Mahoney/Carr) to approve the Minutes as presented. (3-0-2)

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

General Ledger Report – Unusual expenses last month were for the Lunch at the Library teen worker, TLC's online catalog Enhanced Content annual fee, our last Zip Books payment, and A/C repairs on the second floor.

Activity Summary Report –Circulation for July was up 38% over last July and just 15% below July 2019. Almost all statistics are lower than they were in July 2019. For example, library cards registrations are down 12% and reference interactions are down 20%. The biggest drop over the past few years has been in the usage of public computers, this July being down 46% over July 2019. Website visits, however, are up 43%, perhaps indicating more use of private devices.

Changes in Status of District Employees – There were no personnel changes.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. GRANT UPDATES

There has been no word on our literacy grant funding, Zip Books grant funding, or our application for infrastructure grant funds. We have been waiting over five months for news on the infrastructure grants, and just this week the State Library began recruiting for an Infrastructure Opportunities Program Manager!

B. MEASURE M ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

Our ballot measure, seeking approval of a \$24 million bond issue for renovation and expansion of the library facility, was submitted to the Registrar of Voters on August 11, a day before the deadline and was assigned the name Measure M. Five people agreed to sign the Argument in Favor of the measure, including Library Board President Coleman, School Board President Steven Hovey, San Jacinto Community College Trustee Brian Sylva, longtime Pass Area resident Mickey Valdivia, and local leader Lynn Bogh Baldi. The Libertarian Party has opposed our measure (and virtually every other measure in the state). As a result, we will be filing a rebuttal statement that will be signed by the same five individuals. Mr. Sylva has agreed to Chair our campaign committee and some others have agreed to be members, but we are still searching for a Treasurer.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. FUNDING FAQ MAILER

The Library District can print a variety of facts about the proposed construction bond issue and what it would mean for a renovation and expansion of the library facility as long as it does not ask the public to vote in favor of the measure. Mr. Mahoney passed around samples of an FAQ bookmark, a campaign button, and a yard sign that his wife had designed. He also mentioned that she would be willing to put together a website for the campaign committee, should there be interest. Isom Advisors has provided a timeline of tasks for both the Library and the campaign committee, including the printing of mailers, yard signs, etc. Included is an FAQ mailer, scheduled to be sent to the printer by mid-September, that would be sent to nearly 18,000 registered voters, estimated to cost in the range of \$14,000.

MOTION: (Carr/Coleman) to approve the expenditure of up to \$14,000 for the production and mailing of an FAQ mailer to district registered voters. (3-0-2)

B. TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS

There being no other candidates competing for the three Trustee positions expiring in November, the three incumbents (Carr, Coleman, and Lillard-Geiser) will automatically be reappointed to terms ending in November 2026. Mr. Perry was also unopposed and will be able to complete the term ending in November 2024. Mr. Dickinson provided everyone with an updated Board list.

ADDED STARTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Dickinson announced that the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to allow Beaumont Library to display floorplans and exterior renditions of the proposed renovation/expansion on easels at the State of the City event on September 22. All five Library Board members are planning to attend along with two staff members.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mr. Mahoney announced that, due to a potential job offer in Washington state, he may have to leave the Library Board by the end of the year. He and his family will make their decision in the coming weeks. Ms. Carr noted that the library Trustee appointments were covered in the August 19 Record Gazette along with other local positions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT - at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED:

DATE: