BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
6:30 p.m. at the Library – July 28, 2022
125 East Eighth St., Beaumont, CA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President Coleman called the meeting, held in person with some*
attending via Zoom, to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – N. Callahan Banks, C. Carr, M. Coleman*, M. Lillard-Geiser, Bret Mahoney,
L. Dickinson
GUESTS: M. Cook*

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

1. CONSENT ITEMS

   Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting.

   MOTION: (Mahoney/Callahan Banks) to approve the Minutes as presented. Due
   to her absence at the June meeting, Ms. Carr abstained. (4-0-0)

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

   General Ledger Report – Unusual expenses last month were for the new A/C unit
   in the meeting room, the annual liability insurance payment, and architect fees.

   Activity Summary Report – Our summer reading programs were very successful
   and drew lots of participants and positive comments from the public. Circulation
   for June was up 54% over last June and FY22 was 46% higher than FY21. We are
   still below 2019 levels but the gap is narrowing.

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

3. OLD BUSINESS

   A. GRANT UPDATES

   $50 million in new infrastructure grant funding for FY23 ended up in the State
   Library budget. Added to the $439 million in the FY22 budget, it would not
   cover the $500 million-plus already requested in the first grant round. Awards
   have yet to be announced and the 15-member advisory team of working and

retired library administrators and consultants wants additional information in the form of a spreadsheet that is due tomorrow. Ours has been submitted.

B. FY22 FINAL FINANCIAL & REVENUE REPORTS

Expenditures were 14% under budget or $325,000 less than projected. Line items over budget included health insurance (though not reflecting reimbursements from staff paying for more than single coverage), liability insurance (more than covered by the drop in worker's comp insurance), automation (due to a rare conveyor belt repair), and capital expenses (due to painting and furniture costs). Material expenditures were 13% below budget, but do not include over $12,000 paid for items through Zip Books and other grants. FY22 revenue was 2.8% more than was budgeted and 6.4%, or about $130,000, more than was received in FY23.

C. LAFCO UPDATE

The Director attended the LAFCO hearing in Riverside this morning where a variety of Municipal Service Reviews were presented. Beaumont's dissatisfaction with boundary changes approved in 2009, leading to funding losses from 2012 to 2017, was addressed. Per LAFCO Policy 2.1.5, boundaries must follow those of "identifiable communities, commercial districts, or other areas having social or economic homogeneity." To make a change, a $7,000 review application must be filed, along with a $20-$30,000 study justifying the request and showing CEQA compliance. Bordering entities would have to be involved, as well.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. GOALS QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Director reported that his goals for the April—June 2022 quarter were accomplished, except the infrastructure grant has yet to be announced. He reviewed several changes in goals for the upcoming quarters as a result of delays in the entire renovation/expansion process and the need to place a bond issue on the November 2022 ballot due to inflation and growing construction costs.

B. NOVEMBER 2022 BOND ISSUE ELECTION

Putting a construction bond issue on the November ballot seems to be a prudent thing to do with the uncertainty of our grant being awarded, rising inflation, and skyrocketing construction costs. Isom Advisors has prepared two bond issue resolutions. One would raise $12 million and cost homeowners $5 per $100,000 in property value per year; the other raising $24 million and costing homeowners $10 per $100,000 in property value per year. Passage would require a two-thirds positive vote. Resolutions are due by August 12. If we receive our grant by then, we could use the lesser one. Otherwise, we would use the larger one.

MOTION: (Mahoney/Carr) to approve Resolution 2022-1 for a construction bond that would raise $12 million at a cost of $5 per $100,000 in property value. (5-0-0)

MOTION: (Carr/Coleman) to approve Resolution 2022-2 for a construction bond that would raise $24 million at a cost of $10 per $100,000 in property value. (5-0-0)

C. BOARD VACANCY & 2022 TRUSTEE ELECTION

Ms. Callahan Banks gave her resignation, effective August 1, in a July 5 letter. The Board thanked her for her service, wishing her well in her new position and new community. The vacancy was posted July 5, allowing a replacement to be appointed at least 15 days later within a 60-day window. The only candidate, in a letter dated July 15, is Steve Perry who served on the Board previously. The vacancy occurred less than 130 days before the next general election, so the replacement would serve until November 2024. Current trustees with expiring terms must declare candidacy at the Registrar of Voters by August 12.

MOTION: (Carr/Coleman) to appoint Steve Perry to fill the Board vacancy, effective August 1. (5-0-0)

ADDED STARTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Dickinson announced that a letter was received asking of our interest in becoming a U.S. Passport Agency. It was agreed to pursue this opportunity after the building is renovated and expanded. He also announced the State of the City dinner on September 22 where our facility plans could be showcased.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mr. Mahoney stated that his mother, niece, and nephew thoroughly enjoyed their experiences at the Library this summer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Cook said the Friends approved a grant for the Graphic Novel Book Club and they are looking forward to the Big Book Sale on October 8.

MOTION: (Mahoney/Carr) to go into closed session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. (5-0-0)

CLOSED SESSION

Pending litigation was discussed during the closed session, but no action was taken. The meeting returned to open session at 8:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED: DATE: