

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION**

February 8, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Manhattan Beach City Hall

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 06:30 PM.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Elasowich, Kunkee, Hartzell and Cleamons

Absent: Commissioner Casady

Others Present: Director of Parks and Recreation, Mark Leyman and recording secretary, Linda Robb

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 11, 2016 - Commissioner Kunkee moved to approve the January 11, 2016 minutes as written. Commissioner Elasowich seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Kunkee, Hartzell and Cleamons

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Commissioner Casady

E. CEREMONIAL

None

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit)

Commissioner Elasowich opened the floor to audience participation.

Ms. Melinda Reiter - Friends of the Library – Ms. Reiter reported that the previous sale was the best one since moving to the new library. She stated that the new sales room is selling \$600-800/month whereas, they used to make about \$60-80/month in the old library. E-bay is making between \$600 -\$2000/month. Next sale is April 2nd.

Melissa McCollum, Library Manager, made the following announcements: Statistics, May – December 2015 - 137,070 visits, about 17,000/month. Attendance should hit about 200,000 by the library's birthday in May. These numbers do not capture people entering through meeting room doors. Circulation, May – December 2015 - approximately 174,000 which is about 21,000 items per month. More detail will be provided to the City Manager on an annual basis.

Ms. McCollum distributed the monthly activity calendar and encouraged the Commissioners to sign up for the online calendar.

The Library has partnered with the Older Adult program for a monthly community forum focusing on topics that will rotate every month. Other future topics include Philanthropic organizations and Bruce's Beach. The teen Friends of the Library will be filming the meetings. There will also be a yoga workshop led by a local instructor.

Haiku Hullabaloo poetry event invites elementary school students to write haiku about Manhattan Beach. The haiku will be collected throughout March and then read by the students on Saturday April 16th.

Visual Arts Workshop series - 5 sessions Thursdays 4-5:30, beginning March 24th, kids will do an art project with exhibition at end of series. 3rd-6th grade students will participate.

Beach Cities Read (joint project with Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach) – Encouraging South Bay residents to read *Plastic Ocean*, followed by a Coastal Cleanup community project. The author will speak at the library. The Teen Friends of the Library will have a presence at the Manhattan Beach Earth Day event to share information about what they learned. The Hermosa Beach Film Society may be screening related films.

Library birthday party – Sunday, May 1, 2:00-4:00

The floor was closed to public comment.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

None

H. COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Kunkee inquired about the date for the Joint City Council Commission meeting. Director Leyman stated that a date has not yet been set.

I. STAFF ITEMS

Director Leyman followed up on the alleged cell tower on the roof of the old library. He confirmed that there was not a cell tower there previously. The City is looking into a number of sites for cell towers but the library is not likely to be a location for a tower.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hartzell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Kunkee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Kunkee, Casady, Hartzell and Clemons

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Casady

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53.