

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Virtual Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Library Commission was called to order by Chair Beauchamp at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Coopman, Hall, Hannon, Nafissi, Walls, Wirsing, Chair Beauchamp

Officials Present: Susan Anderson, Library Director
Donia Sichler, Youth Services Librarian

C. SALUTE TO FLAG

Commissioner Wirsing led in the salute to the flag.

D. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Coopman, seconded by Commissioner Walls, to approve the Order of Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

There were no eComments or public comments on this item.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACKUP MATERIAL – NONE

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE REDONDO BEACH LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2021

F.2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: APRIL 5, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Coopman to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - NONE

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Library Director Susan Anderson announced there were no eComments or public comments regarding this item.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

I.1. DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

Library Director Anderson reported City Council is planning an all-day strategic planning session, but the date has not been set; discussed a meeting where she spoke about book-dispensing machines and spoke about a new program, "Open Plus" which will be implemented in one of the Torrance libraries.

Discussion followed regarding potential challenges with "Open Plus", getting input from the City of Ventura which has implemented the program and grants offered by the State.

I.2. DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY REOPENING PLANS

Library Director Anderson discussed reopening of the Library; noted reduced, full hours of operation and other limitations; spoke about full reopening of facilities on June 15, 2021; reported masks will still be required and addressed booking meeting rooms and restarting in-person programs.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. DISCUSSION OF 2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Library Director Anderson introduced and deferred to Youth Services Librarian Donia Sichler for a report.

Youth Services Librarian Sichler narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2021 Summer Reading Program for children, teens and adults and discussed virtual events and programs.

Discussion followed regarding ways to increase exposure and interest in the Summer Reading Program, the possibility of asking local restaurants to post flyers regarding the program and promoting the program at local schools.

There were no public comments on this item.

J.2 DISCUSSION OF KLUGE CENTER REPORT ON DISINFORMATION

Library Director Anderson presented the staff report; discussed a report generated with input from different librarians across the country; discussed available tools such as News Guard and referenced creation of a resource list available on the Library website.

Discussion followed regarding a "tribal aspect" to the report and complications created by social media.

J.3. DISCUSSION OF FY2021-2022 BUDGET PROCESS

Library Director Anderson reported City Council continues with budget hearings; stated City Council is scheduled to vote on the budget on June 15, 2021; discussed Library budget items and decision packages; noted there is a possibility of the Library filling vacant positions and discussed the possibility of getting funds from the State.

J.4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Anderson addressed recent and upcoming events; discussed a Monarch Butterfly garden at the Main Library and the possibility of adding related programming in the future; spoke about creating a live webcam for the garden; commented on plans to institute a Harwood Institute Program and commented on a recent bag-of-books sale by Friends of the Library.

Youth Services Librarian Sichler discussed a music for special needs children's program and hoped to implement the program in Redondo Beach.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Motion by Commissioner Coopman, seconded by Commissioner Hannon, to direct staff to contact the Ventura Library to obtain information regarding their use of the Open Plus program and return to the Commission with a report. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

Commissioner Coopman requested an update on the possibility of transitioning to the County Library System or privatization of library services.

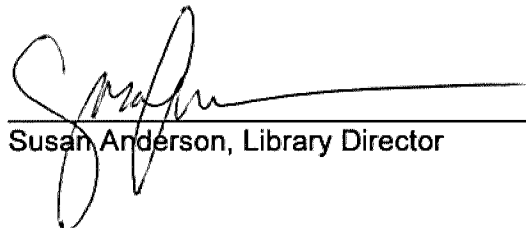
Chair Beauchamp noted it is part of the strategic planning process which has been delayed.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Coopman, seconded by Commissioner Nafissi, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

The Library Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to the next meeting of the Redondo Beach Library Commission at 7:00 p.m. on August 2, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Anderson, Library Director