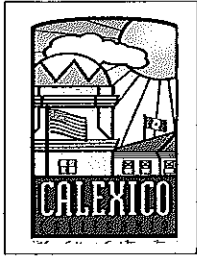


**AGENDA
ITEM**

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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 5, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: David Dale, City Manager *DD*

PREPARED BY: Lizeth Legaspi, Acting City Librarian *LL*

SUBJECT: Ratification of Library, Arts & Historical Board Minutes for Meeting of December 2, 2019

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Recommendation:

Accept minutes for Library, Arts & Historical Board meeting held on December 2, 2019.

Background:

Acting City Librarian shall prepare minutes of the Library, Arts and Historical Board meeting and present to the commission for approval. Once approved, a copy of the signed minutes is submitted for Council ratification.

Discussion & Analysis:

Attached minutes of the Library, Arts & Historical Board for meeting of December 2, 2019 have been approved by the commission and signed by Chair Pacheco for ratification by Council.

Fiscal Impact:

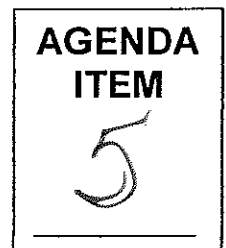
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Coordinated With:

None

Attachment:

1. Minutes for Library, Arts & Historical Board meeting of December 2, 2019



THE LIBRARY, ARTS AND HISTORICAL BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER 2019, AT 6:00 PM, AT THE CITY CLERK'S MEETING ROOM, 608 HEBER AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR HOLDING SUCH SAID MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board member Carrillo at 6:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hildy Carrillo
Carmen Durazo
Carlos M. Alvarado
Maria Acevedo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anna Lisa Pacheco

OTHERS PRESENT

David Dale, City Manager
Norma Gerardo, Assistant to the City Manager

Lizeth Legaspi, Acting City Librarian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was no flag in the room.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Board member Durazo to approve the agenda, seconded by Board member Alvarado and passed unanimously; the agenda was approved as delivered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Mr. Ben Horton asked what the criteria for a volunteer was. He also mentioned that he is working on a photography seminar and a photography catalog. He would like to have an art exposition of his photographs on metal. Board member Durazo asked if he wanted to have a solo exhibit or a community exhibit. Mr. Horton would like it be community based so that they can share ideas.

Ms. Gerardo mentioned that the next Paint Night will be on Friday and that Eduardo Quintero is planning a paint night for teenagers.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member Durazo commented that Elizabeth Mehalick Ibarra and Monica Ketchum have been nominated to the Distinguished Wall of Artists at the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center. The Calexico Arts Council will be bringing this nomination to the Library, Arts & Historical Board for ratification. Norma Sierra Galindo is sponsoring the \$300 fee for each artist. The sponsor can decide to have a reception for the artist or not. Members of both boards (LAH & Calexico Arts Council) usually attend. Board member Durazo recommended adding a note to the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center user agreement that the piano and the walls are not to be used for decoration when renting the center.

Board member Carrillo attended a wonderful show at the Stepling Gallery at San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Campus put together by Joe Gaxiola. He was one of the original members of the Arts Commission. He showed large abstract pieces. She met many other artists there as well.

Ms. Gerardo was contacted by Alejandra Vargas, a Recreation Department Instructor. She requested the use of the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center for the end of the year recital on Wednesday, December 29th from 3-9 pm. Ms. Vargas teaches ballet and Polynesian dance at the Community Center.

Board member Carrillo mentioned that the Calexico High School will have a renovation ceremony for the "No Name Field" the following day at 9 am.

ACTING CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Legaspi reported that 18 classes from Dool Elementary School visited the library during November and December. Lower grades enjoyed a storytime session and a craft activity while upper grades received an orientation regarding library programs and services including accelerated reader availability and they did a scavenger hunt to put into practice the skills taught during the orientation. Each lower grade class received a copy of the award-winning title "Dreamers" by Yuyi Morales and for upper grades "The crossover". Those titles were to be kept in the classroom for student and teacher use.

Mrs. Legaspi also reported that she applied for a Mental Health Initiative grant which will provide training on mental health issues to 5 staff members for 4 months. The theme of the grant is "Compassion in Action" and the target audience will be teenagers. The Library will receive \$1,000 worth of books related to mental health issues to add to the collection. She hopes that after this training, staff is better prepared to provide the service they can to those battling a mental disorder. She is planning on partnering with Behavioral Health and the Calexico Unified School District for a program that will be offered to the community in May of next year.

Starting next year, the Libraries on the Spectrum programming will be offered valley wide. Camarena Library is planning on offering a monthly program for families with children on the autism spectrum the last Friday of the month at 6:00 pm. This will usually be a Friday where the library is closed, therefore there will be no disruption of regular library services. The Libraries on the Spectrum grant will provide materials to add to the collection including books and other materials for parents to check out.

Lastly, the Library will be participating in the Annual Kids N' Badges organized by the Calexico Police Department. A tote bags with books and school supplies will be given to children served by this program. We want them to get acquainted with the services their public library has to offer.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING ON OCTOBER 7, 2019 AND NOVEMBER 4, 2019** – Board member Durazo requested an amendment to the minutes on November 4, 2019 under Board Member comments, so that it specified that the donor's wall funding goes to the Calexico Arts Council. Corrected minutes were approved with that change.
- B. **ANNUAL PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY FY 2018-19** – On motion by Board member Durazo and seconded by Board member Acevedo, Consent Agenda items were approved.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

- C. **BLACK & WHITE PROGRAM IN MEMORY OF SERGIO GAYTAN** – Board member Carrillo mentioned that Sergio Gaytan was the founder of the Annual Black & White Art Exhibit. She had suggested having the exhibit on his name, but she found out that many of his art colleagues were not aware of his passing. Board member Durazo is trying to get a hold of Mayor Hodge since he wanted to have some sort of program on his behalf. She asked Ms. Gerardo to arrange a meeting with Mayor Hodge. This item was tabled until they have had an opportunity to discuss it with Mayor Hodge.
- D. **REQUEST USE OF THE CD-CAC BY THE CHS THEATER COMPANY ON DECEMBER 21, 2019** – Board member Alvarado mentioned that during the last couple of years, Sandra Tauler had allowed him to use the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center for their end of the year celebration which usually takes place after the year's production. This year's production was postponed due to issues with the San Diego State University's theater, but he would not want to postpone the end of the year celebration with the students. Board member Durazo asked if there was an agreement in place. Mr. Dale mentioned that a formal policy needs to be drafted. Mr. Alvarado assured that there will be no beverages during this get together.

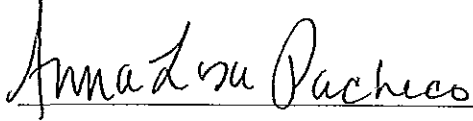
INFORMATION

- E. **ATTENDANCE REPORT** – a copy of the attendance report was provided.
- F. **CML MONTHLY REPORT** – The new book list was provided as information item.
- G. **NEW BOOKLIST** – a copy of the October new book list was provided.
- H. **UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS** - Flyer included the December Library calendar of activities

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- I. CITY OF CALEXICO VOLUNTEER APPLICATION – a copy of the City’s volunteer application was provided as requested by Board member Durazo.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm



Anna Lisa Pacheco, Chair

ATTEST:



Lizeth Legaspi, Acting City Librarian