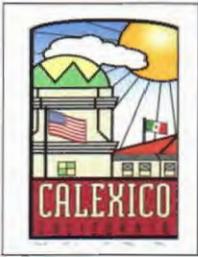


**AGENDA
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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 4, 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 January 6, 2020

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Recommendation:

Accept minutes for Library, Arts & Historical Board meeting held on January 6, 2020

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 January 6, 2020 have been approved by the commission and signed by Chair Pacheco for ratification by Council.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Coordinated With:

None

Attachment:

- 1. Minutes for Library, Arts & Historical Board meeting of January 6, 2020



THE LIBRARY, ARTS AND HISTORICAL BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 2020, AT 6:00 PM, AT THE FERNANDO “NENE” TORRES COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 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 Chair Pacheco at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

AnnaLisa Pacheco
Hildy Carrillo
Carlos M. Alvarado

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carmen Durazo
Maria Acevedo

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Lizeth Legaspi, Acting City Librarian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Board member Alvarado.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

No public comments

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member Carrillo mentioned that there is an artist coming to Calexico and she is working with Angel Hernandez who is the Gallery Director at SDSU, Imperial Valley. The project will be done at the border; they are working with CBP. A few years ago, they had a project like this happening at the same time on both sides of the border. She doesn't have all the details yet.

She is also working with Joe Gaxiola who has a project that will feature women in distinguished positions throughout the valley. They are meeting next week to work out details and will bring it to the commission at a later time. She is very excited because this is something never done before.

Chair Pacheco and Board member Carrillo offered to take refreshments for the upcoming Distinguished Artists event.

ACTING CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Legaspi reported starting this month they will begin the migration process for the library software. A few interruptions are scheduled on a weekly basis since they are moving to a cloud-based system. Storytime sessions are moving to Thursday mornings. She hopes that a change in day might bring more parents and children. The annual Pajama Party is scheduled for January 29th.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Board member Carrillo and seconded by Board member Alvarado and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following: Approval of Minutes for meeting on December 2nd, 2019 and Ratification of Distinguished Artist Application for Elizabeth M. Ibarra and Monica Ketchum.

DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

KARATE CLASS AT CARMEN DURAZO CULTURAL ARTS CENTER – Councilmember Morris Reisin is trying to get some revenue for the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center; therefore, he recommends the commission allowing Ruben Canedo to rent the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center so that he can provide karate classes on a monthly basis for a year. This will provide some income that is greatly needed.

Ruben Canedo explained how he became a teacher of masters of Karate. He worked for some years for the Recreation Department providing karate classes. He had 7 national medalists since he started teaching at the community center. He then opened his own business. Karate Do is very good for the community. Kids become role models for other kids. These kids had put Calexico on the map in the Karate world. Karate is very formative and produces healthy and disciplined kids.

Board member Carrillo questioned his desire of leasing the cultural arts center. She commended him as a terrific instructor and a wonderful person. She inquired if this was his private business. He explained that yes, this is his private business and that he has expanded to Cathedral City and Indio. Her concern was, what is it that he wanted to lease the cultural arts center for? What are you going to use it for? He wants to reach out to the community. She questioned if he would teach karate classes there? He mentioned that he wanted to teach karate classes there especially for girls. He wants to help girls build self-esteem and acquire personal defense skills. He believes that karate is very artistic since the type of

karate he teaches is Japanese. It includes fighting, kata and weapons. Board member Carrillo inquired where is his business located now. He is across from McDonalds. She mentioned that the flooring is cement covered with carpet at the cultural arts center and it might be dangerous. She asked about his current schedule. He meets either twice a week or three times a week. She also inquired about insurance. He mentioned that he has a 2 million liability insurance.

Board member Carrillo inquired who will oversee the cultural arts center. Is there going to be a city staff in there? She asked if the money that will be received in terms of leasing could be used to hire a person to staff the center. City Manager Dale said that at the moment it was not clear how much the lease fee will be, but it would not be enough to pay someone to staff it.

Board member Carrillo was concerned with the fact that Mr. Canedo would use the center in the evenings when art shows and other art activities are usually scheduled. She sees it as a sport, not really as an art form. They worked very hard to get it going for exhibits and things that are in the scope of arts. If they start allowing private businesses to use it, what is going to stop any other business wanting to come on board. It took long to get it established. They had a boxing club that wanted to practice there and were not allowed. She would say no because she doesn't think it is right. If the money is not going to go to hire someone to staff it, what is the point. She asked why he is no longer at the community center. He explained that the percentage paid to instructors was revised due to the financial situation of the city back then. Several instructors left during that time where the percentage paid was under 50%

Chair Pacheco agrees that karate teaches self-discipline. She believes that children that are disciplined will think twice before doing anything wrong. She is in support of it, but her only concern is that what is going to happen when other private business wants to come on board too. At the same time, she believes that they have to start somewhere. There are hardly any events there anyway. It should be used every day. Board member Carrillo mentioned that there is no one in charge to staff it.

Board member Alvarado sees both sides of the issue. There is the need of having someone overseeing the operations and at the same time what is the purpose of the center. Pacheco mentioned the need of personnel to oversee it. Having someone to open and close it after each activity.

Board member Carrillo inquired about cleaning up the center after they use it. Mr. Canedo said that he had no problem in cleaning up. Ms. Gerardo mentioned that at the moment there are not a lot of activities because there is no one in charge, but once a person is hired, more activities will be offered.

Board member Carrillo voted to allow Mr. Canedo to lease the building with the condition that the karate class and exhibit schedule need to work together. If there are art exhibits scheduled, he cannot have his classes. On motion by Board member Carrillo and seconded by Board member Alvarado the approval to lease the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center to Mr. Canedo to hold karate classes with the condition that the schedule of the karate classes is compared with the art exhibits passed unanimously.

REVISED CDCAC RENTAL AGREEMENTS – Ms. Gerardo mentioned that as instructed at the last meeting, some items were added to the rental agreement presented to the board. Board member Carrillo

mentioned that according to the rental agreement people and rental materials need to be out by 10 pm and that is quite impossible. Ms. Legaspi mentioned that the reason why in the past it was set at 10 pm was out of respect for the tenants of the De Anza Hotel. Chair Pacheco asked whether a motion was needed for this item and City Manager Dale commented that it was placed on the agenda for their review and to modify as deemed appropriate. Board member Carrillo mentioned that Mr. Canedo needs to provide demos of the karate classes. Item will be tabled for next meeting.

INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE REPORT – a copy of the attendance report was provided.

CML MONTHLY REPORT – The monthly statistics report was provided as information item.

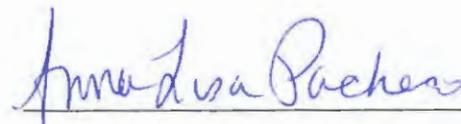
NEW BOOKLIST – a copy of the November new book list was provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS - Flyers included Storytime and January calendar of activities.

PAINT NIGHT FLYER – a copy of the January program was provided.

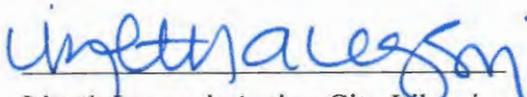
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm



Anna Lisa Pacheco, Chair

ATTEST:



Lizeth Legaspi, Acting City Librarian