

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

January 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Elasowich, Schreiner, Windes, Jones, Bond, Owen

Absent: None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Windes moved to approve the December 10, 2018 minutes as written.
Commissioner Schreiner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Schreiner, Windes, Jones, Bond, Owen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

E. CEREMONIAL

Chairperson Elasowich welcomed new Commissioner Bond.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Elasowich opened the floor to audience participation.

Community Library Manager, Maria Manigbas gave some program updates including:
Skye Patrick named librarian of the year from the Library Journal for her role in breaking down barriers, increasing access and embracing technology and marketing in the library.

Michael Mackavoy, Children's Librarian, continues to serve in charge of the Lomita Library.

The January 16, LA County Library Commission meeting will be held at the Manhattan Beach library from 10:00-12:00. The meeting is open to the public.

Michael McCarty of International Folk Tales will be storytelling on January 19.

January 17, Teddy Bear Storytime – after the story time, kids will be invited to leave their stuffed animals for a sleepover at the library. Photos of the stuffed animal sleepover activities will then be shared on the website.

Every Thursday, January through March at 11:00 a.m., there will be an adult coloring project.

Ms. Manigbas offered possible dates for staff appreciation: There is availability in the meeting room on February 12, 19, 20, 26 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.; March 12 and 19 and April 2, 9 and 23 are also available.

Commissioner Windes reported that she and Commissioner Schreiner have spoken with Claire regarding Blind Date with a Book on Valentine's Day at 3:30. The goal is to have at least 50 books available. She is hoping that Friends of the Library will have some books to donate to the project.

The floor was closed to public comment.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion of Commission work plan items:

Commissioner Jones updated Commissioner Bond on the purpose of the commission work plan before delving into the prioritization.

Library Staff Meet & Greet (Priority 1) – the date was set for April 23, 2019. It is a one hour activity to meet the library staff and increase visibility between the employees and the commission. The food will be ordered by Manager Kelso. Commissioner Windes suggested forming a decorating sub-committee. Commissioner Owen will design the invitation flyer with Commissioner Elasowich and distribute by April 1, 2019.

Commissioner Elasowich will invite the school librarians. The City Council members will also be invited. Commissioners Windes and Schreiner will handle the decorations. Raffle prizes will include gift cards and an autographed Chris Erskine book, provided by Commissioner Jones. Commissioners Windes and Schreiner will bring books for prizes as well. The format of the event will be a friendly gathering. There will be a hand out including the Library Commission's mission along with contact details.

East Manhattan Beach Alternate Library – Dr. Matthews has not been able to host a meeting with the County Library Manager to discuss the use of Mira Costa as an alternate library, because the Mira Costa library is still closed due to asbestos.

Bookmobile – Commissioner Elasowich noted that there is limited shared access to the Bookmobile throughout the County. As this is an alternative option for East Manhattan Beach library access, the need for this cannot be determined until Dr. Matthews is able to meet with the County. In the event the Bookmobile is considered, the City Council would need to be the ones to request. Lowest priority

Library Lunch Club (Priority 3) – Commissioner Windes was disappointed that Chris Erskine will be at {Pages} so now will not be a candidate for Library Lunch Club. Commissioner Windes likes the idea of hosting a journalist. She knows a woman who has just written a book about living in Africa and would like to have something more relatable to women. Commissioner Jones stated that this might be a floating project that can happen when an appropriate author is found. Lower priority

Books & Cooks Open House (Priority 2) – This event will involve food trucks with activities at the library. Patrons could pick up a coupon for the food trucks inside the library and there could be entertainment. Manager Kelso commented that the costs associated with this event will require City Council approval. Commissioner Windes recommended an acoustic singer who had performed at a Late Night at the Library event. Commissioner Jones also mentioned a singer that was recognized by the Cultural Arts Commission a couple of years ago. Manager Kelso will also provide the name of one of the department's talented singers. Commissioner Windes added that the Friends of the Library had also sponsored some singers who were great. Commissioner Jones will reach out to Friends of the Library to see if they would be interested in partnering in the event. Linda Robb will provide food truck regulations to the commissioners. Commissioners Jones and Bond will serve on a sub-committee to get started designing the event. The tentative goal is to have the event in September. Manager Kelso recommended getting this to City Council for review in May or June.

MB Writer Awards – Commissioner Windes stated that she would like to consider this if the approval for Books & Cooks does not come through.

Book Vending Machines – on the back burner until the school library issue is decided.

H. STAFF ITEMS -

Manager Kelso reported that the Library Surplus item will continue to get moved until the City Council can meet with the County and school district. She will keep the commission updated and may need to bring the staff report back for review.

I. COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Bond introduced herself. She has a son who is a senior at Mira Costa and a daughter in college. She has always volunteered and since she won't be volunteering at school anymore, she was looking for her next thing. She loves to read and was helping {Pages} with their co-op program and events.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Windes moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bond seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Elasowich, Schreiner, Windes, Jones, Bond, Owen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.