



## MINUTES

### Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC)

Thursday, July 27, 2017

6:00 PM Meeting Room, Downtown Branch

224 Church Street in Santa Cruz

#### 1. ROLL CALL

**PRESENT:** Steve Blair, Linda Craighead, Martha Dexter, Rena Dubin, Martín J. Gomez, Elise Granata, Yolanda Henry, Nikolara Jansons, Tera Martin, and Teresa Thomae

**STAFF:** Director of Libraries Susan Nemitz, and Administrative Assistant Ivan Sumano-Vargas

#### 2. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

None

#### 3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

#### 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2017 MEETING

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2017 MEETING</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Blair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Martín J. Gomez
<b>AYES:</b>	Craighead, Dexter, Dubin, Granata, Jansons, Martin, and Thomae
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Yolanda Henry

#### 5. REPORT BY THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Would like to continue posting all email discussions to the Measure S website. Materials and documents can be emailed to the clerk who can then forward it to the appropriate people.

An alternate schedule of monthly 3 hour meetings with an additional meeting in November was proposed. Requested a subcommittee consisting of 3 members to come up with a plan on gathering community input.

Final proposed changes to schedule were; scrapping the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, keep the remaining scheduled meetings, add a meeting to November 8<sup>th</sup>, and make the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting 3 hours.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED CHANGES TO MEETINGS SCHEDULE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Rena Dubin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tera Martin
<b>AYES:</b>	Blair, Craighead, Dexter, Gomez, Granata, Henry, Jansons, and Thomae

Rena Dubin, Martín J. Gomez, and Yolanda Henry volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Homeless security discussion with staff on both perspectives will be on the next meeting's agenda.

**6. MEMBER REPORTS**

None

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion on What's Desired in a New Facility – Penny Hummel, Library Facilities Consultant**

Penny asked the committee multiple questions to gather feedback on what they desire in a new building. She asked questions such as; what is working well with the current building? What aspects of the facility get in the way of providing a library experience? What services would be important to incorporate in a new library? What issues are the most important to address?

The committee members gave a varied range of answers such as commenting on how good the collection is. Liking the implementation of the self-checkout machines. The feeling of lack of safety and the cleanliness issues were brought up as negatives. The desire for more designated study spaces and quiet spaces were mentioned. The homelessness issue and a lack of welcoming spaces were mentioned as some of the most important issues to address.

**B. Brainstorm on What Makes a Good Library Site – Trina Goodman of Noll & Tam**

The committee were provided with an activity of choosing a location for a new library building if there were no limitations on where it could be placed within the city limits.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Lewis – Thinks it would be good to have an organized community meeting. Never thought of the library as a community gathering place or a place of entertainment rather than a resource and feels himself dragging his feet when he thinks of the library turning into that. Does not believe the library being on



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Pacific Avenue is a benefit to the building because Downtown as a whole is walking distance.

Jean Brocklebank – Thinks the idea of making the library all things for all people is a big mistake. She wants the library to be a library. Doesn't want to come here to be entertained. Believes it is important to implement a security system for the materials the library provides.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Final Adjournment of the Downtown Library Advisory Committee (DLAC) at 8:00 PM to the next Regular Meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00 PM at the Downtown Branch Meeting Room located at 224 Church Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.