

Library Board

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

The Inglewood Library Board met on September 18, 2019 at the Gladys Waddingham Lecture Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Vice Chairman Julie Minton.

Roll Call

Present:

Patt Sanders – At Large Board Member, Chairman
Julie Minton – District 1 Board Member, Vice Chairman
Pat Douglas – District 2 Board Member
Ernesto Castillo – District 3 Board Member
Jacqueline Cochran – District 4 Board Member

Staff:

Harjinder Singh – Deputy to the City Manager
Sabrina Barnes – Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director
Frances Tracht – Library Manager
Irina Martirosian – Staff Assistant

Absent Staff:

Brenda Davis – Management Assistant

Approval of the Minutes

Board Member Minton made a motion for the approval of the minutes for August 28, 2019; Board Member Castillo seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Library Board Members Minton, Castillo, Douglas and Cochran
Nays: None

Library Report

Sabrina Barnes introduced Deputy to the City Manager Harjinder Singh, who worked on the Inglewood Senior Center Project, to give a verbal report on the plan of the Main Library improvement project. Mr. Singh introduced himself and spoke about his 17 years of experience working with the City in different departments and with the Senior Center Project. Mr. Singh also spoke about the process and timelines for the Main Library’s renovation project. Right now they are putting together a request for qualifications to hire an architect who will combine with a construction manager and a library subject matter expert. They will work as a team to create the design criteria. After this is completed, they can start pricing the project and hire a design/build company to make the plan come to life.

Friends Report

Susan Carleo, President, Friends of Inglewood Public Library, talked about very successful book sale on September 14, 2019 and thanked Councilman Franklin from District 4 and Councilman Padilla from District 2 for their outreach, support and purchases at the book sale. Carleo mentioned about the amazing assortment of books that we get donated by our community that is really fits with our community and about constant flow of new and fresh materials for people to purchase. Carleo also announced the Winter Book Sale that will held on Saturday, December 14, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Board member Castillo thanked everyone for doing a good job. He bought a book and was very happy. Board member Sanders asked if she can donate DVDs. Carleo answered yes and thanked everyone.

Public Comments

Gregory Mason asked when the City will hire a Library Director. He was not happy about signs on Manchester, Century and other streets in the area, about gentrification and canceled Library Board Meetings. Board member Minton explained the rules of having board meetings and the reasons for canceled meetings.

Susan Janson asked about becoming a member of Friends of Inglewood Public Library, complained about not having meetings and talked about her ideas:

- To create a small nook someplace in the library with the screen, to show the winning categorize books to show what's being considered or what worthy.
- Having poetry workshops and poetry events, have a poetry slam for the youth, in conjunction with the local schools, have some musical poetry, make it to a social event and a young professional Marcus Omari is interested in working with literacy.
- There is a grant available from The Romance Writers of America that could sponsor an area of the library to make a little romantic nook with lots of books, have some red roses from the ceiling, artificial intelligence to make a little magic for romance books.
- Have some of the players from sports teams to come encourage and show children many ways of advancement.
- Our librarians need to be more involved in what type of books we receive from Brodart and not just get what they want to sell us.

Commissioner Comments

All Board Members were very pleased and excited with the plan.

Board member Castillo also thanked Mr. Singh for doing a great job with the Senior Center project.

Board Member Sanders talked about Library being a jewel of the city, thanked everyone for doing a great job and that city also need to look back into the Library employee salaries, make it more comparable with the great job that they do. She also talked about the library as a voting place.

With no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.