



**CITY OF FULLERTON
HUNT LIBRARY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2018, 5:00 P.M.
Muckenthaler Cultural Center
1201 W Malvern Ave, Fullerton, CA 92833**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Library Ad Hoc Committee (LAHC) was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair Beard.

ROLL CALL

Present: Egleth Nuncci, Michael Williams, Fern Richardson, Barbara Kilponen, Peter Beard, Jan Flory, Molly McClanahan, Kristy Prince, Randa Schmalfeld

Absent: None

Staff: Judy Booth, Library Director
Ken Homsley, Adult Services Division Manager
Alysha Long, Recording Secretary
Jose of Continental Interpreting Services, Spanish Language Translator

Presentations – Ryan Cantor, Library Trustee - Spoke on the topic of settling the Hunt question. Believes that securing resources for Hunt is more important than simply finding the best idea. Mentioned Pollock Library at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) as an innovative, futuristic approach to libraries. Reiterated prior meeting's directive that the decision made on the property should result in a use that is free, open to the public, and that celebrates literacy. Stated that advocacy is what will bring this chapter to a close. Advocating for one strong, specific idea.

Committee Member Kilponen asked if the City should pair up with multiple institutions for the Hunt space. Cantor repeated his position that the space should be used for one specific purpose. Committee Member Richardson asked about prior suggestion that the school district might be interested in the space. Trustee Cantor replied that he hadn't followed through for a full answer. Nuncci asked if the Bastanchury property had been returned. Cantor affirmed that it had been. Cantor stressed that any decision made on the Hunt property had to come with a guarantee to the Fullerton Public Library Foundation (FPLF) that any investment made by them would be honored for the intended purpose.

Public Comments:

Dawn Marie Kostonis - Question directed to Cantor, asked for him to explain further his reference to the Pollock Library at CSUF.

Jan B. - Has sent emails expressing the Alana Club's (social club for recovering alcoholics and addicts) interest to rent the space. Meetings are open to the public, but also has members' only functions.

Rebecca Park - Speaking as a member of Good Hands for One, a free, non-profit tutoring organization. Would be interested in having the space open again for the expansion of their programs. Committee Member Kilponen then asked if Park or the organization had any financial offering, to which Park replied that she would have to follow up with the leaders of the organization.

Jane Reifer - Part of the savethehunt.com group. September meeting speakers Alan Hess, architect and historian, and James Steele, professor and author, presentation coming up at the Hunt Library. September 24th, tours at 5:30. Presentation at 7.

Curtis Gamble - Advocate for the homeless. Appreciates and supports Grace Ministry's efforts. Would like to see the space used for homeless relief, to include housing or other services. Spoke of other county's ability to potentially fund.

James Cho - Speaking on behalf of Grace Ministries. Clarified Grace Ministry's mission to create permanent housing for people who have been homeless, as opposed to a transitional "homeless shelter."

Consent Calendar

1. Approval of Minutes

Committee Member Kilponen suggested an adjustment to minutes. Comment on Regular Business Item No. 3, idea 4 on the memo for funding. Suggested that Opus Bank may not have a grant. Committee Member McClanahan clarified that Opus Bank may indeed offer funding, therefore it should be kept.

MOTION made by Committee Member Beard, SECONDED by Committee Member Flory to APPROVE minutes. MOTION carried 9-0.

Regular Business

1. Cost to Operate the Hunt Branch Library as a Library and Requirements and Estimated Costs to Bring the Hunt Branch Library up to Current Standards for Publically

Accessible Buildings – *Committee Chair Peter Beard*

Public Works Department visited the location to determine cost to meet current standards and provide operational budget. Committee Member Richardson questioned "wild guess" estimations on certain restoration costs. Chair Beard stated that any estimates are going to be "ballpark" until specific use for the building is determined.

Chair Beard stated that this was a "no vote topic."

2. Prioritize Uses of the Building and Grounds -- *Committee Chair Peter Beard*

McClanahan categorized all 65 of the suggested uses into 11 categories, maintaining the original suggestions' numbers from Regular Business Item No. 2.

Committee Member Kilponen stated that a vote should be held to remove whole categories if they do not abide by the Board of Trustees' three main goals. The LAHC determined, with unanimous approval, that each of the following items should be placed on either a PRIMARY (1st Tier) or SECONDARY (2nd Tier) recommendation line to be submitted to the City Council. Chair Beard asked for a straw vote on each of the categories.

Item A - General Philosophical Concepts

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item A as an associated use in the 1st tier: MOTION Carried 9-0.

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item A in the 2nd tier: MOTION Failed 0-9

Item B - Art, Culture, Exhibits, Museum Uses

Chair Beard held STRAW VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR TO KEEP CATEGORY. MOTION Carried 9-0.

Item C - Literacy

Chair Beard held STRAW VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR TO KEEP CATEGORY. MOTION Carried 9-0.

Item D - Events, Activities, Classes

Chair Beard held STRAW VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR TO KEEP CATEGORY. MOTION Carried 9-0.

Item E - Human Services Center (including health)

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item E in the 1st tier: MOTION Denied 0-9)

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item E in the 2nd tier: MOTION Carried 9-0.

Item F - Homeless Needs

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item F in the 1st tier: MOTION Denied 0-9.

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item F in the 2nd tier: MOTION Denied 0-9.

Chair Beard drew vote to eliminate category entirely MOTION Carried 9-0.

Item G1 - Private Institutional Use

Chair Beard drew vote to remove footnote from item G1: MOTION Carried 9-0.

Committee Member Richardson stated that she is opposed to private use. Vice Chair Schmalfeld opposed to selling property. Committee Member Williams believes the possibility of selling the property should at least be considered on a second tier.

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item G1 in the 1st tier: MOTION Denied 0-9.

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item G1 in the 2nd tier: MOTION Denied 3-6, Flory No, Schmalfeld No, Beard No, Richardson No, Kilponen, McClanahan No

Committee agreed UNANIMOUSLY to include an asterisk that Grace Ministries can present a proposal for use.

Item G2 - Private Enterprise

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item G2 in the 1st tier: Motion denied 0-9.

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item G2 in the 2nd tier: Motion denied 0-9.

Item G3 - Public (City)/Private Uses (including leases)

Flory stated that City doesn't have funds to restore the building, therefore the City designating the space for use by Parks and Rec isn't realistic. However, Committee Member Flory would support 47 & 65.

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item G3 in the 1st tier: MOTION Failed 0-9.

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item G3 in the 2nd tier: MOTION Failed 0-9.

Item H - Use of Open Space/Grounds

Committee Member Flory stated that this category could be considered "associated use" and therefore can be dovetailed into another category.

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item H as an associated use in the 1st tier: MOTION Carried 9-0.

Chair Beard drew vote to include Item H in the 2nd tier: MOTION Failed 0-9.

Item I - Web Sites to Explore

Chair Beard stated that this category required no vote.

Public Comments:

James Cho - Speaking on behalf of Grace Ministries. Clarified uses by Grace Ministry could include a mixture of public and private use, to be agreed upon by a board (working with the Fullerton Public Library Board).

Lauralyn Eschner - Speaking as a member of the All the Arts for all the Kids Foundation. Wants to see the space transformed into a children's museum and art facility. Suggested a similar arrangement to that of Independence Park, partly public and partly private use. Would like to have the Fullerton School District come on field trips, free to FUSD but paid by any out-of-city schools. Stated that her organization believes they have the money for operations, but that they do not have the money to renovate it. Committee Member Kilponen asked for clarity of budget. Eschner indicated that she would have to look into it further. Committee Member Flory suggested that clarity might be found through the RFP. Committee Member Richardson asked if a phased restoration might be feasible. Eschner indicated that she would have to clarify with her organization.

Jane Reifer - Brought up an item that was not included in everyone's packet (Future Uses of the Hunt Branch Library Building and Grounds). Submitted copies to board at that time.

Library Trustee, Ryan Cantor - Pressed that the board should not state of affairs influence vote.

Curtis Gamble - Provided two handouts in regards to homeless issue. Wants Grace Ministries to have a chance at the property. Believes Grace Ministries is clean and well organized. Stated that flood channels and train tracks would be sufficient separation between a homeless shelter at the Hunt and the neighboring schools.

Committee Member Flory moved to ADOPT straw votes, moving forward with topics B, C and D as potential uses. Committee Member McClanahan SECONDED. MOTION Carried 9-0.

3. List of Funding Sources for Improvement of the Building and Grounds -- Committee Chair Peter Beard

Committee Member Flory expressed that talking about funding seemed premature, given the wide variety of potential uses for the Hunt. Committee Member Richardson stated that funding doesn't need to be chosen yet, until a future use is agreed upon, at which point a Request for Proposals (RFP) could be issued. Committee Member Kilponen suggested that a blue ribbon committee should be formed as soon as possible to begin raising money. Vice Chair Schmalfeld said that the LAHC is doing their part, so beyond recommendations, any definitive decisions have to be made, vetted and adopted by the City Council. Chair Beard reiterated Trustee Cantor's position that a clarified vision is what needs to be decided upon, before funding sources. Committee Member Flory suggested adding the Norton Simon Foundation as a potential source of funding or use. Committee Member McClanahan requested that the City Council consider the feasibility of a 1 cent sales tax or parcel tax for Fullerton residents. Committee Member Kilponen stated she would like to find out if the Hunt Library will still have to be called the Hunt Library.

Chair Beard MOTIONED to have topic TABLED until next meeting. MOTION Carried 9-0.

Committee Member Richardson MOTIONED to accept funding sources and allow additions. Committee Member McClanahan SECONDED. MOTION Carried 9-0.

4. Consider asking the City Council for a Time Extension the Library Ad Hoc Committee. -- Committee Chair Peter Beard

Committee Member Flory MOVED to have topic TABLED until next meeting. Committee Member Richardson seconded. MOTION Carried 9-0.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM by Chair Beard.

The next meeting of the Library Ad Hoc Committee is Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at The Muckenthaler Cultural Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Alysha Long
Recording Secretary

Library Mission Statement - It is the mission of the Fullerton Public Library to provide a diverse community with resources and support to use information in many media, to stimulate and facilitate literacy in all its forms by providing quality collections and effective use of evolving technologies, to emphasize public participation and outreach, and to create forums and gathering places to engage in cultural and educational programs and partnerships.

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