



**CITY OF FULLERTON
LIBRARY AD HOC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 6, 2018 Began at 5:30 PM.

**Fullerton Public Library
201 South Basque Avenue
Fullerton, California**

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

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Staff: Judy Booth: Library Director, Claudia Chavarin: Recording Secretary, and Ken Homsley: Adult Services Division Manager.

SavetheHunt.com Presentation – Matt Leslie spoke about a presentation held at their community meeting on Monday, June 25, 2018. No one in attendance said they wanted the Hunt sold. People's ideas for potential uses included an art and architecture museum or gallery, interactive library with international communication services, arboretum on the grounds, center for disadvantaged students, children's library and/or art museum, museum and workshops for local artists, homeless shelter, and outpost for California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) Reading Center, community festival, and partnering with different nonprofits in the area. They gave an overview of the history and background of the Hunt building including why the Hunt Branch closed down in the first place, and what is needed for that to not happen again. The first reason was there were not enough resources to dedicate funding, and the second was that it was undergoing renovation when Hunt would open and eventually it became a safety issue.

Public Comments

Name not given – Resident said we need to partner with CSUF, Fullerton College, Fullerton High School District to run programs.

Dawn Marie Kotsonis- Intrigued by the architectural history, and delighted that the Committee's interests so far has been in children and education. As it relates to the Fullerton Heritage Foundation and listing it on the registry, she asked if this will impact what we can do with this property. She is a professional fundraiser and offered any pro bono assistance to the LAHC as they move forward.

Kim Pollard Johnson – She works with INCA Relief organization in Anaheim. Her organization provides free services to the community and they are running out of space at their location. They would like to work in conjunction with the City and the Library to honor the library and provide more free services to the community. They offer cooking classes, work with refugees, work with Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County and would like to possibly buy or rent the property. They only work through donations and a yearly fundraiser. She doesn't want to promote it for the homeless since it is a controversial subject, but would offer counseling services or resources within the community.

Name not given - As you proceed in this work, please take into consideration the education, community and the families that reside around this building. Since this can have a positive impact to these families depending on the decisions that you make.

Vince Buck - He thinks that the highest priority at this time should be how to collect ideas and suggested doing a Request for Proposals (RFP). Chair Beard agreed with Vince.

James Cho – He works for Grace Ministries University and discussed with them in making this private vs. public. Negotiate with GMI to help with some of the costs and have it open to the community and bring all of these resources to the Hunt Library.

Chuck M. – Would like to see this open to the public and for everyone to use. He says Grace Ministries has been an excellent neighbor.

Jane Reifer – Is part of the SavetheHunt.com group and offered to help with what they can to fill in the gaps and can serve as a liaison with the community. They will have an FAQ by next meeting. She invited the LAHC to their next forum in mid-September. Speaker will be a renowned Southern California architectural historian.

Jensen Hallstrom - He has a couple suggestions with emphasis on utilizing landscape to its best potential. He would like to see an educational connection with horticulture. He wants to know what the best use of the landscape would be and would like to have education for children on how to grow food, how we could preserve what is already there. There is not too much shade at the park with some bare spots where trees can be planted. Will trees be removed?

Consent Calendar

1. Approval of the Minutes

Recommendation: Approve July 11, 2018 Library Ad Hoc Committee Regular Minutes.

Minor edits included:

- Changing Michael Williams to Fern Richardson vouching for Molly McClanahan.
- Add Motion requesting the Library Board's findings and ideas from the community. Report wasn't received.
- Under Items No. 3, 5, and 6 it is noted that the vote was 5-0, but it should read 9-0.

Footprint of Library. Plot map of the adjacent properties. What is the footprint of the property that is under discussion? Library Director Booth said this document is now on the website.

Library Director Booth clarified that the Library Trustees' report had not been created or approved and that will happen at the August 23 Library Board meeting and then will be available.

MOTION made by Committee Member Schmalfeld, **SECONDED** by Committee Member Richardson to **APPROVE** minutes with corrections. (8-0-1 **ABSTAINED**: Committee Member McClanahan)

Regular Business

1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair -- Library Ad Hoc Committee Acting Chair Peter Beard
Committee Member Molly McClanahan had previously spoken to Committee Member Schmalfeld and Committee Member Beard about him be Chair of LAHC.

MOTION made by Committee Member McClanahan, **SECONDED** by Committee Member Flory to select Committee Member Beard as Chair of the LAHC. Motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY** (9-0)

MOTION made by Committee Member Flory, **SECONDED** by Committee Member Kilponen to select Committee Member Schmalfeld as Vice Chair. Motion carried **UNANIMOUSLY** (9-0).

2. Prioritizing Council Direction Regarding the Purpose of the Library Ad Hoc Committee -- Library Director Judy Booth

The LAHC viewed property maps on-line and discussed. There was a question about a triangular piece where buses are parked and who owns it. Library Booth said it is being researched and the map is not complete and needs to be verified. Chair Beard said the LAHC needs to know more information about the parking uses, what is City property, and parking requirements at Dog Park.

3. Cost to Operate the Hunt Branch Library as a Library -- Library Director Judy Booth

Memo reviewed regarding proposed staffing and operations for Hunt Library. Committee Members wondered why there wasn't a greater difference between a four-day operation and a two-day operation as a library.

4. Requirements and Estimated Costs to Bring the Hunt Branch Library up to Current Standards for Publically Accessible Buildings -- Library Director Judy Booth

Chair Beard requested the square footage of the roof.

Volunteer requirements for City labor was discussed.

Chair Beard said that \$2.5 million was too low. They agreed that they are better with a figure of \$4 million.

5. Proposed Publically Beneficial Uses of the Building and Grounds -- Library Ad Hoc Committee Chair

See attached list (page 5) distributed by Committee Member McClanahan.

Additional uses:

- Makerspace for robotics with access to community printers.
- A place for children and adults to learn together.
- Open it up to All the Arts for All the Kids.
- Need to reach out to third party entities, such as the J. Paul Getty Museum.
- CSUF's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program to have kids interview older people and rebuild a sense of community.

Dawn Marie Kotsonis– Community needs assessment and focus groups.

6. Proposed Funding Sources for Improvement of the Building and Grounds -- Library Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Memo distributed by Committee Member McClanahan regarding revenue for the Hunt Library building and grounds – capital and operating. See attached (page 6).

Michael Williams said the building and surrounding park as it exists is more important than the library or community center within it and we can use the leasing agreement with whoever takes it on to fund another location that the community needs with a smaller facility. The park could also be used as an events facility but there's a lot that goes into this, kitchen facilities, parking, residents who would be disappointed that the park is now part of an events facility. Office use space controlled by the City and maintenance of the building is a really good idea.

MOTION made to develop RFP to be released to the public within the next two weeks. Chair Beard does not think we should do an RFP. He would like to see a list of the various ideas for use of the building and ways to generate money.

MOTION withdrawn.

Publicity was discussed.

Kathy Dasney - Have City staff define the property lines and parking lots.

Jensen Hallstrom - Can the original landscape plans be made available to the public? Is the current landscape the best use for it? Committee Member McClanahan spoke about the Fullerton Heritage application.

MOTION made by Chair Beard to invite the public to submit ideas in writing to Library Director Booth, pertaining to recommended uses of the building and funding sources in order to rehab, operate, sustain the building and grounds. He requested that this list be compiled and e-mailed by the Library Director and sent to the LAHC. The public can view it online. AMENDED by Committee Member Richardson to invite the public to submit their additional ideas to be included on this list for the LAHC's consideration. SECONDED by Committee Member Flory. MOTION carried UNANIMOUSLY (9-0)

A request was made to have the list of ideas compiled by Library Board Trustee Ryan Cantor included in the suggested list.

7. Set Date, Time, and Location for the next Committee Meeting -- *Library Ad Hoc Committee Chair*

MOTION made by Committee Member Schmalfeld, SECONDED by Committee Member Williams to have the next Ad Hoc meeting at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center on Tuesday, September 4 at 5:30PM. MOTION carried UNANIMOUSLY (9-0).

MOTION made by Committee Member Flory, SECONDED by Committee Member Kilponen that the following meeting be scheduled on Wednesday, October 10 at 5:30 PM at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center. MOTION carried UNANIMOUSLY in favor (9-0).

Committee Member Comments

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM by Chair Beard.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Leopold
Recording Secretary

IDEAS that have been offered for USES of the Hunt Library Building and Grounds

A – Art/Architecture Museum and Gallery – Display area for local artists and guest artists. Artists' Collaborative with a gift shop.

Art reference book collection that the Mittleman family donated to the Hunt Library needs to be located and honored and returned to the Hunt Library.

C – Children's Library – with commensurate programming: story hours, poetry, drama.

Children's Art Museum and Creativity Center – (outdoor sculptures, botanic gardens, field trips, classes, gift shop, music, theatre, dance, film making, children's art gallery, art related to all disciplines: science, history, math, etc.)

CSUF/Fullerton School District - Hazel Croy Reading Center (from CSUF) housed at the Hunt, providing a connection to the area elementary and junior high schools (FSD), utilizing them as lab schools.

City of Fullerton – Bike paths, along the railroad corridor from Independence Park with Hunt Library as the western terminus.

City of Fullerton's Municipal Airport - Education collaboration with Fullerton Museum Center's program for students, Airport Days

F - Fullerton City's Parks and Recreation Department – host instrumental recitals, wedding venues with dancing on the portico, Yoga, Tai chi, Festivals of all sorts, picnics, music venues, Summer Sunset Serenades.

H – Homeless Shelter

I – Interactive Library with International Communication.

K – Kids' chess Club

L – Literacy for all ages: ESL, Enrichment – Readings by theatre students – plays, short stories, etc.

M – www.motal.org – Fullerton's Museum of Teaching and Learning – Exhibits with interactive projects.

N – Community College District - North Orange Continuing Learning (NOCE) – Parenting Classes across all ages: pre-school – high school.

T – Technology Literacy programs, inter-generational.

1. Recommend to the Parks and Recreation Commission that they consider the possibility of designating the open space (2.2 acres) as a park, to make it eligible for park dwelling fees.
Evaluation of the grounds by a certified arborist and landscape architect, utilizing the original landscape plans. **GOAL:** To enhance its use and beauty to complement the midcentury Hunt Library building and bring it back to its original stately beauty.
This should be joined to the Pacific Drive Park (mini-park) off of Valencia Avenue where approximately 30 parking spaces are available that connect to the foot bridge which leads to the front entrance of the Hunt Library. **GOAL:** This would enhance the open space in a contiguous plan and design that ties the two open spaces together.
2. Begin a conversation with the Fullerton Library Foundation Board to determine interest and feasibility, in concert the Foundation's purpose and mission, to consider using a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Bastanchury site, to begin the rehabilitation and upgrading of the Hunt Library building in prioritized new energy and building standards. When the Hunt Library, after review at the State and Federal levels, meets the criteria for listing on the National Historic Registry, those standards set forth by the Department of the Interior would come into play. **GOAL:** To protect this unique asset for all residents of Fullerton and its appreciation and use by the public.
3. In working with the Fullerton Library Foundation, explore setting up a fund within the Foundation earmarked for the Hunt Library for donations, endowments, matching funds, grants, etc. **GOAL:** To utilize an existing local non-profit, with common goals, as a repository for various funds.
4. Pursue foundation grants, e.g. Getty Foundation, Opus Bank, National Endowment for the Arts, California Arts Council, the Gates Foundation, etc. **GOAL:** Utilize both private and public funds in the mix.
5. Explore the feasibility of a parcel tax to support both the Main and Hunt libraries. **GOAL:** To enhance the revenue that the City of Fullerton is able to provide, since the City has drastically cut funding to these institutions over the past several years. This would require an intensive public education effort and should be carefully explored, including a diverse cross-section of the community. If it is pursued, it should raise revenue that is realistic, yet modest and acceptable to the public.
6. This Committee needs to develop, with City Staff expertise, an RFP process, that includes not only ideas, but requires a detailed narrative that defines governance, partnership(s), staffing, operating budget, financial resources, and planned use of interior space and grounds. **GOAL:** To provide a realistic and competitive process, with substance, so that in addition to retaining and enhancing this community treasure, we are also re-building a sense of community and belonging. We need to come to a common understanding of literacy in its broadest sense.

Memo distributed by Committee Member McClanahan at the August 6, 2018 meeting.