

MINUTES  
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

HANFORD MEETING ROOM  
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY  
HANFORD, CA

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#### ROLL CALL

The meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Members present were Ms. Wilma Humason, Mr. Joe Neuhardt, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher-Library Director, Library Staff absent was Farrah Canseco-Executive Secretary. Ms. Linda Mackey and Ms. Anne Sutton were absent. Public present were Alicia Jacobo, Senior Field Representative for Senator Hurtado's office.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved as corrected – LAB member Linda Mackey was not present at the November 2021 meeting.

#### UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

##### **2022-2023 Budget –**

- Library - The county has begun the budget process for this fiscal year. Staff will update the LAB of any significant changes during the process.
- California State Library – The state has proposed a \$5 million increase for the 2022-23 state library budget for Lunch at the Library. The library's program committee will be looking into the feasibility of Lunch at the Library at the Kettleman City and Stratford branch libraries. Library staff will report back when the grant becomes available.

##### **Facilities Update –**

- LAB member Joe Neuhardt asked for the status of the Stratford water dispenser project. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
- LAB member Margaret Lirones inquired if the Corcoran windows can be tinted to alleviate the heat that comes through during the summer. This request will be investigated, and an update provided by the March meeting.

##### **Grants Update –**

- Infrastructure Grant –We are still waiting for next steps on the final application process from the state library.
- Mobile Library – Farber states that the new completion/delivery date for the vehicle will be June 2022. Staff is working with Farber staff on the graphic art wrap.

##### **Library Programs**

- The local author event is scheduled for Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 2021 Winter Open House was a huge success; all branches ran out of the literacy kits. Additional literacy kits were made available to families who missed out.
- The library's program committee is working on the annual Program Calendar. When completed it will be shared to LAB.

##### **COVID -19**

- The library leadership team continues to monitor library operations. Due to COVID-19 related issues and this week's staffing levels, the Kettleman City (KTC) Branch Library closed this week on 1/18 & 1/19 and reopened its regular scheduled hours today from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

- LAB members voted to change this agenda item to **Report on Legislation and Budget Activities** so that any elected representative attending the LAB meetings can provide an update to LAB members.
- Alicia Jacobo, Senior Field Representative for Senator Hurtado's office shared she is assisting a local community member with historical photos of African Americans from the Kettleman City Community. Library staff will follow up with Alicia to assist, where needed.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

- The Friends held their monthly meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The Friends did a winter direct mailing which resulted in \$5,000 in donations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

- LAB member Margaret Lirones shared a grant idea to research libraries having electric charging stations.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 17, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. by Ms. Wilma Humason.