

**Malibu City Council**  
**Library Subcommittee**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, October 24, 2016**

**2:00 P.M.**

**City Hall – Zuma Room**  
**23825 Stuart Ranch Road**

**Councilmember Joan House**  
**Councilmember Laura Rosenthal**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Report on Posting of the Agenda** – October 19, 2016

**Public Comment** *This is the time for the public to comment on any items not appearing on this agenda. Each public speaker shall be allowed up to three (3) minutes for comments. The Subcommittee may not discuss or act on any matter not specifically identified on this agenda, pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.*

**Discussion Items**

1. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2016

Recommended action: Approve the minutes of the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of September 12, 2016.

Staff contact: City Manager Feldman, 456-2489, ext. 226

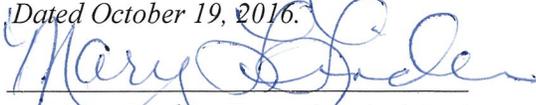
2. 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series

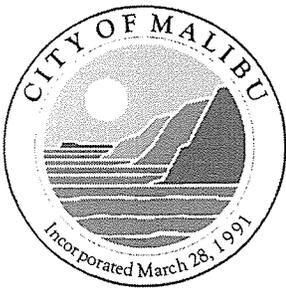
Recommended action: 1) Discuss the 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series; and 2) Provide direction to staff.

Staff contact: Assistant City Manager Soghor, 456-2489, ext. 228

**Adjournment**

*I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Dated October 19, 2016.*

  
Mary Linden, Executive Assistant



# Library Subcommittee Agenda Report

Library Subcommittee  
Special Meeting  
10-24-16

## Item 1

To: Councilmembers House and Rosenthal

Prepared by: Mary Linden, Executive Assistant *ML*

Approved by: Reva Feldman, City Manager *RF*

Date prepared: October 19, 2016 Meeting date: October 24, 2016

Subject: Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2016

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of September 12, 2016.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff has prepared draft minutes for the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of September 12, 2016, and hereby submits the minutes to the Subcommittee for approval.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Library Subcommittee Special meeting

MINUTES  
MALIBU LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
SURFRIDER ROOM  
4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance:

PRESENT: Councilmember Laura Rosenthal and Councilmember Joan House

ALSO PRESENT: Reva Feldman, City Manager; Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager; and Amy Crittenden, Recreation Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Councilmember House moved and Councilmember Rosenthal seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Manager Feldman reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on September 8, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pamela Conley Ulich asked about getting meeting notifications beyond the regular posting of the agenda. City Manager Feldman explained how to sign up for notifications on the City's website.

Harriet Pollon asked who is responsible for cleaning up trash outside the library. She noted there are no trash receptacles in the area from the Water District building to the library. She discussed an alcove near the library entrance where homeless people sleep and trash collects. City Manager Feldman stated that the County of Los Angeles is responsible for trash and that these concerns should be brought to Melissa Stallings, Malibu Library Manager. In response to City Manager Feldman, Library Manager Stallings confirmed that the large trash receptacle in the alcove had been removed when the Superior Court shut down.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2015

Recommended action: Approve the minutes of the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of October 5, 2015.

MOTION Councilmember House moved and Councilmember Rosenthal seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Library Subcommittee Special meeting of October 5, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Malibu Library Set Aside Funds 2017

Recommended action: 1) Provide a recommendation to the City Council concerning the use of the Malibu Library Set Aside Funds for Calendar Year 2017; and 2) Provide direction to staff on the 2017 Library Speaker Series.

Harriet Pollon asked if the Santa Monica College plan would use the Superior Court space.

John Mazza asked why it was still proposed that \$150,000 of the funds would go to programs not in Malibu but instead across the County Library system. City Manager Feldman explained that Malibu gets a very large amount of funding and other areas of the County have much greater need and no funding. Library Manager Stallings reported that this funding provides early literacy programs for infants and toddlers, as well as specialist trainings for parents, in disadvantaged communities. Mr. Mazza asked if the money ever goes away if the City does not use it.

Ms. Conley Ulich asked if the County-prepared year-end documents showing the Library Set Aside funding expenditures would be made public. City Manager Feldman stated the prior year's report could be published and the current year report published when it is received.

Ms. Conley Ulich discussed safety concerns related to a greater number of homeless people in and around the library. City Manager Feldman noted that library funds now pay for the security guard in the library.

Reverend Paul Elder commented on the homeless problem and wondered if it deterred mothers from bringing their children to the library. He stated it was wrong to ask librarians to serve as counselors. Library Manager Stallings explained that everyone is welcome at the library as long as they follow the rules. She stated the library is a safe place and hundreds of mothers come in with their children. She stated librarians are counselors in every way and are happy to help people.

Sam Hall Kaplan stated the City needs to look at the library as a community center. He stated this is an opportunity to reprogram the library for community functions rather than spending \$4 million on the exterior remodel.

Mr. Mazza stated \$4 million is a lot of money and inquired if anyone had considered putting a facility in West Malibu?

Jennifer deNicola discussed the possibility of working cooperatively with Malibu High School to create a dual-purpose space. Councilmember Rosenthal stated the idea had been explored, but that there were security concerns with allowing adults on the school campus while children were present. Ms. deNicola suggested the possibility of considering putting some library facility on the 33 acres at Trancas Field.

Ms. Pollon indicated support for moving the entrance of the library to the front on Civic Center Way in order to make the library more noticeable and increase the number of users. She complimented Library Manager Stallings on doing a wonderful job.

Ms. Conley Ulich encouraged everyone to read the 2005 Library Needs Assessment. She requested a community process for more people to participate in the planning of the remodel.

Ms. deNicola requested a breakdown of the Set Aside Funds numbers. She agreed with the suggestion to move the entrance to the front on Civic Center Way.

Susan Kelly, Friends of Malibu Library, agreed that changing the entrance location would help address safety.

Mr. Hall Kaplan stated it was necessary to know what the programming will be before undertaking a new design.

Ms. Pollon submitted a list of library activities from the past year.

#### CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Subcommittee agreed to: 1) continue discussion of the Malibu Library Set Aside Funds for Calendar Year 2017 until the City receives the report on 2016 expenditures from the County; and 2) schedule a separate Library Subcommittee meeting to discuss the 2017 Library Speaker Series.

#### ADJOURNMENT

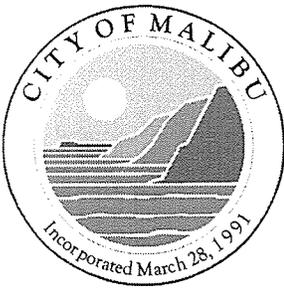
MOTION At 5:09 p.m., Councilmember Rosenthal moved and Councilmember House seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Library Subcommittee of the City of Malibu on \_\_\_\_\_.

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LAURA ROSENTHAL, Councilmember

ATTEST:

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MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant



# Library Subcommittee Agenda Report

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10-24-16

## Item 2

To: Councilmembers House and Rosenthal

Prepared by: Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager 

Approved by: Reva Feldman, City Manager 

Date prepared: October 19, 2016

Meeting date: October 24, 2016

Subject: 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Discuss the 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series; and 2) Provide direction to staff.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact to the City with this action. Services for the Malibu Public Library are paid for from a portion of property tax. Every year the County of Los Angeles sets aside the difference between the City's property tax revenue and the Malibu Library expenses into a designated fund. As of June 30, 2016, the Set Aside Fund totals approximately \$5 million. It is expected that approximately \$1 million will be added to this fund annually through June 30, 2019. Sufficient funding is available in the Set Aside Fund for the 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series.

**DISCUSSION:** The Malibu Library is owned and operated by the County of Los Angeles. Set Aside Funds are used to enhance services at the Malibu Library. Each year, the County and the City meet to discuss priorities for the use of the Set Aside Funds for the upcoming calendar year.

For calendar year 2016, the City Council and the County agreed to fund a variety of additional services from the Set Aside Funds, including the fourth year of the Malibu Library Speaker Series program. The amount allocated for the 2016 Speaker Series was \$100,000. Per Council direction, the Speaker Series is developed using recommendations from the Cultural Arts Commission, the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission, the County Library and members of the public for speakers based on the following format:

- 10 speaker series events each year
  - One event each month except August and December
  - 5 events at the Library
  - 5 events at the City Hall Civic Theater

- Events should feature speakers from the following categories: Arts, Entertainment Industry, Environment, Education, Food, Literature, Motivation, Science, Sports and Travel

As in prior years, all events will be free of charge; however, reservations will be required.

It is anticipated that the 2017 Speaker Series will commence in January following the same format as previously approved. Attached is a list comprised of potential speakers recommended by the Cultural Arts Commission, the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission, the County Library and members of the public. Once the Subcommittee provides additional input and direction, including the total amount to allocate for the 2017 Speaker Series and the maximum amount per speaker, staff, in cooperation with the Malibu Library, will research potential speakers and costs.

ATTACHMENTS: Recommended Speakers for the 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series

## 2017 Speaker Series Potential Speakers

The information below includes speakers suggested by Councilmembers, Cultural Arts Commissioners and Library and City staff, and are broken down into categories:

### **Social Issues**

- Malcolm Gladwell – Author of The Outliers and The Tipping Point
- Lavern Cox – Emmy-nominated transgender actress, activist for equal rights and tolerance

### **Sports**

- Vin Scully – Beloved broadcaster who recently retired from being the voice of the Los Angeles Dodgers for 67 years
- Diana Nyad – At age 64, she became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without using a shark cage. She wrote a book titled, Find a Way: The Inspiring Story of One Woman's Pursuit of a Lifelong Dream

### **Medicine/Health**

- Dr. Abraham Varghese – Received the National Humanities Medal from President Obama last month, and is a well-known public speaker whose emphasis is on empathy and healing, which is the focus of his talks.
- Lucy Kalanithi – Wife of author Paul Kalanithi who wrote When Breath becomes Air. Dr. Kalanithi was a 36-year old neurosurgeon diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, although he never smoked, and whose book covers the medical field and treatment of patients in the eyes as a physician and terminal cancer patient.

### **Environment**

- Lance Simmens – Malibu resident and writer on contemporary political issues, who spent forty years in senior level positions with two US Presidents, two US Senators, two prominent Governors, the US Conference of Mayors and the US Senate Budget Committee.

### **Entertainment**

- Scott Freiman – Musicologist who is the creator of Deconstructing the Beatles, a series of multimedia presentations about the composition and production techniques of the Beatles. His multimedia presentations transport audiences into Abbey Road Studio.

### **Documentary Movies**

The City received the following list of documentaries being released by Film Sprouts in the next several months, which cover several controversial topics:

- "Newtown," directed by Kim Snyder – Chronicling the aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting of schoolchildren in American history, *Newtown* documents a traumatized community whose resilience and sense of purpose is as powerful as its grief.
- "Audrie & Daisy," directed by Bonnie Cohen – Audrie Pott and Daisy Coleman, both underage high-school girls, were sexually assaulted by school acquaintances and bullied by their peers, while their assailants received little punishment. Tragically, Audrie takes her own life, but Daisy survives, connecting with other survivors to forge a path toward healing.
- "From This Day Forward," directed by Sharon Shattuck – A moving portrayal of an American family coping with one of the most intimate of transformations. *From This Day Forward* traces the story of the film director whose father came out as transgender and changed her name to Trisha, when Sharon was in the awkward throes of middle school. Her father's transition to female was difficult for her straight-identified mother, Marcia, to accept, but her parents stayed together.

- “Containment,” directed by Robb Moss and Peter Galison – Can we contain some of the deadliest, most long-lasting substances ever produced? Left over from the Cold War are a hundred million gallons of radioactive sludge, covering vast radioactive lands. Governments around the world, desperate to protect future generations, have begun imagining society 10,000 years from now in order to create monuments that will speak across the time. Part observational essay filmed in weapons plants, Fukushima and deep underground.
- “Death By Design,” directed by Sue Williams – Consumers love - and live on - their smartphones, tablets and laptops. A cascade of new devices pours endlessly into the market, promising ever better communication, non-stop entertainment and instant information. But this revolution has a dark side, hidden from most consumers. In an investigation that spans the globe, filmmaker Sue Williams investigates the underbelly of the electronics industry and reveals how even the smallest devices have deadly environmental and health costs.
- “Almost Sunrise,” directed by Michael Collins – An intimate story that exposes the growing epidemic of soldier suicides and moral injury, *Almost Sunrise* follows Tom and Anthony on a journey of hope and healing as they walk across America. Their passage is one of redemption, an outer transformation and inner awakening brought on by a rediscovery of the power of community.

**Other Suggested Topics for Speakers:**

- Kristin Hannah - Bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and 20 other fiction novels
- Speaker on Fair Trade Policies
- Former Astronaut to speak on current space program

The following are suggested speakers received from Speaker Series attendees and people who have contacted us directly:

- Lou Spirito – Malibu resident who wrote the book, *Gimme Shelter*, about a rescue dog he adopted and how it changed his life
- James Cameron – Film director and environmental activist
- Jonathan White – Author who is releasing a new book in February titled *Tides: The Science and Spirit of the Ocean*
- Julie Platner – Former Malibu resident who is a photojournalist and activist
- Pete Mc Bride – Filmmaker and photographer for National Geographic. He has released six documentary films, including “Chasing Water,” his most popular film.
- Diane Moss – Malibu resident in the field of climate change who spearheaded and helped lead the campaign to protect Malibu from Woodside's LNG import terminal, which was proposed to be built off the coast of Point Dume. She founded the Renewables 100 Policy Institute.