

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.

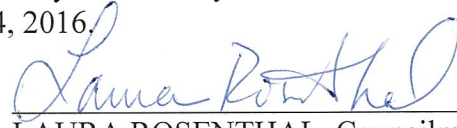
#### CONSENSUS

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 October 24, 2016.

  
LAURA ROSENTHAL, Councilmember

ATTEST:

  
MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant