



*Mia Hernandez – President
Valentina Estes – Vice President
Magdalena Altamirano – Trustee
Alejandra Banda – Trustee
Ivonne Sotomayor – Trustee*

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Library Board of Trustees

City Council Chambers
220 West 9th Street
Imperial, CA 92251-1637

August 13, 2024

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

- CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-President Estes called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- ROLL CALL:** President Hernandez, Vice-President Estes, Trustees Altamirano, Banda and Sotomayor
- CITY STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Morita, City Attorney Turner, Library Administrator Haller, Literacy Coordinator Luevano, Literacy Coordinator Barajas
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Sotomayor
- ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA:**
None
- PUBLIC COMMENT:**
None
- A. PRESENTATIONS:**

- A-1.** Imperial Public Library Literacy Services Coordinator Eliza Barajas provided a presentation about the Literacy Program supported through funding by the California Library Literacy Services. Identifying the Program Values of being Volunteer-Supported, Barajas introduced two WEX Volunteers, Chris Pena who recently completed his 500 hours of volunteering and Briana Meza who had reached 400 hours of volunteer time. Pena and Meza spoke to the board about their experience and appreciation for the program and library. Volunteer, Mark Selay was present and was recognized for his 14 years of dedication as a volunteer tutor. Each volunteer was presented a certificate of appreciation and small token of appreciation.
- A-2.** Literacy Coordinator, Elizabeth Luevano, provided a PowerPoint presentation about the 2024 Summer “Lunch at the Library” Program and recognized the five (5) teen interns who provided programming, meal services, and maintenance to support the program. Each intern was presented a certificate of recognition and scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- A-3.** City of Imperial Community Development Planner, Yvonne Cordero, provided a

PowerPoint presentation regarding SB 1383 Statewide Mandatory Organic Waste Collection. Cordero provided organic waste collection containers to all present requesting one.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- B-1.** Approval of Minutes for the Regular Library Board Meeting held July 9, 2024

Moved by Sotomayor, seconded by Estes to approve the consent agenda.

AYES: Altamirano, Banda, Estes, Hernandez, and Sotomayor

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0

C. WORK SESSION OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DISCUSSION ONLY):

- C-1.** Library Calendar of Events

Presenter: Ember Haller, Library Administrator

Discussion: Haller presented an annual calendar identifying national and international days and months significant to providing awareness for library core values in addition to events to be considered for recognition based on public good and some for novelty.

- C-2.** September Library Celebration

Presenter: Trustee Ivonne Sotomayor

Discussion: Sotomayor presented a thorough list of national and international days for the month of September. Several programming ideas were presented to provide awareness of the special days including Wildlife Day (4), World Literacy Day (9), Constitution Week (17 thru 23), National Teddy Bear History (19), Red Panda Day (21), Ice Cream Cone Day (22), and National Comic Book Day "Open the Magic" (25). National Comic Day was further discussed as providing the program through a service organization. Ad hoc committees were identified as follows:

World Literacy Day: Estes Sotomayor

Red Panda Day: Altamirano, Hernandez

- C-3.** Gilmore Days Event

Presenter: Vice President Valentina Estes

Discussion: Estes identified Wednesday, October 23rd for the date to hold the Gilmore Days event, identifying it being appropriate to provide during Friends of the Library Week. Areas of the library were identified to be transformed into sites from Stars Hallow along with themed activities for the community to immerse themselves. A Gilmore Girls storybook will be placed in the Storywalk around the park which consists of 18 frames. Estes and Sotomayor will continue to meet as the ad hoc committee.

C-4. Garden to Table Fundraising Event

Presenter: Trustee Ivonne Sotomayor

Discussion: Sotomayor continued discussion of the fundraising event utilizing the library garden. Wednesday, April 23, 2025 was identified to hold the event. Sotomayor further identified a local chef and owner of Ursa, Aaron Lopez, to prepare the meals utilizing and based off the spring harvest of the Library Learning Garden. Haller noted if Lopez could provide recommendations of produce he preferred to prepare, the library could ensure planting those items. Estes and Sotomayor will continue to serve on the ad-hoc committee for this special event.

D. REPORTS:

- D-1.** Haller reviewed the written report provided to the board.
- D-2.** Morita reported nothing further to add.
- D-3.** Trustees reported on their activities since the last library board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business before the Board, President September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.