

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
BUENA PARK LIBRARY DISTRICT
September 22, 2021

**Due to the Governor of California's Executive Order N-33-20 (Stay at Home order) this meeting was held online via zoom. **

CALL TO ORDER: President Rams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Rams led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Irene Castaneda, Pat Ganer, Carole Jensen, Richard Rams, Al Salehi.

Staff Present: Library Director Mary McCasland, Circulation Services Supervisor Caroline Wilkins, Library Services Supervisor Helen Medina, Technology and Support Services Supervisor Ann Duarte, Business Officer Marina Tutty, and Administrative Assistant Patty Salas.

Others Present: Mr. William Tunick - Attorney, Dannis Woliver Kelley
Ms. Shalice Tilton – Senior Consultants, National Demographics Corporation

I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

a) From Public Concerning Non-agenda Items

No comments.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

a) Pre-Map Input on Composition of Trustee Areas and Presentation on Developing a Trustee Area-Based Election System

Shalice Tilton, Senior Consultant, from National Demographics Corporation presented an introduction presentation on the California Voting Rights Act and detailed how the public can assist with developing trustee area maps for Board consideration.

Ms. Tilton stated that National Demographics has been in business for over 40 years. Many entities are re-districting due the release of the 2020 Census information.

The Library District currently uses at-large voting and is transitioning to by-district elections.

Ms. Tilton stated a map needs to be posted for at least 7 days prior to adopting it. She said at the moment the goal is to adopt a final map on November 2, 2021.

Ms. Tilton explained what is required to be included in each district (equal population, no gerrymandering, traditional districting principles such as communities of interest, etc.) She stated all

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maps submitted will be professionally recreated by NDC and assigned a number to be considered by the Board. Ms. Tilton also explained the different tools available to the public to create maps.

After the presentation, President Rams opened the Public Hearing to receive input from the public at 6:00 p.m. There were no members of the public present. The Public Hearing was then closed.

Ms. Tilton demonstrated how to use the various tools to create your own map.

It was clarified that a current board member’s term will not be cut short if there is more than one trustee drawn into one district.

It was concluded that Trustee addresses would be an option to include on the interactive maps (shaded census cell blocks).

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approval of rescheduling October Board Meeting to Thursday, October 7, 2021

It was explained that in order to continue with electronic meetings, the Board would need to make findings that meeting remotely was necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and it would need to reaffirm this every 30 days. The Board would need to schedule a Special Meeting prior to October 1, 2021, and affirm a resolution stating it would continue to meet electronically to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

MOTION by Trustee Salehi to schedule a Special Meeting on Friday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m.
SECOND by Trustee Jensen.

AYES: Trustee Castaneda, Trustee Ganer, Trustee Jensen, Trustee Rams, Trustee Salehi.

MOTION approved.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Salehi to adjourn the meeting.
SECOND by Trustee Castaneda.

AYES: Trustee Castaneda, Trustee Ganer, Trustee Jensen, Trustee Rams, Trustee Salehi.

Motion approved. The meeting stood adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Irene Castaneda
Secretary