

April 14th 2021

LAC Sustainability Committee Minutes:

Present: Ada Chan Mary Jo Cook Nathaniel Dumas Mary Forte Mary Going Jessica Jung Cathy Smith

1. Approval of Draft Minutes from February and March

- Change to February minutes: change no. 2 “No one is comfortable saying that public works is not doing their job, when they are underfunded.” to “The library does not have the maintenance services it needs and it appears that Public Works is underfunded.”
- Change to March minutes: items 3 & 5 should read Measure D, correct spelling of Kathryn

Ada – move to approve, Mary Going– second
Minutes approved with above changes

Cathy abstain on March minutes,
Nathaniel abstain on February minutes

2. Audit Review: Mary Going reviewed and walked committee members through key questions regarding audit.

Why did the library need Measure D?

Reasons in report seem to be unimportant or unrelated.

2008/2009 General fund contribution was reduced to minimum established by legislation and never re-stored.

Audit does not use uniform comparison within report

The underlying issue is not what is identified in the audit (CPI, Revenues, Internal Service Fund) - From the audit it appears the general fund is meeting their obligation – But the City’s general fund is not keeping up with the costs of operations.

Discussion:

Cathy – general fund contribution from Q is a structural issue about how the ballot measure was drafted. Which did not include CPI

In order for libraries to continue to deliver services – it cannot depend on council to make pro-library choices.

It’s a structural issue of city government – that city cannot fundraise for police, fire etc. and so they use bond measures for the library to free up . measure D

Nathaniel - Council Member Taylor – says that even with all the stimulus money we are looking at a shortfall.

Action: Get % of total general fund that is contributed to library pre-measure Q to present from Janelle.

Update Speaking Points:

- Get Janitors Hired
- Give more than the minimum amount
- People need an excellent experience of the libraries.
- Frame out the pie – Graphics what we
- If Q does not pass – the shell game is over.

Mary Going will report as part of LAC

Agenda Building :

May Meeting Cancelled.