

**MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2005**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Matthew Hervey, Mel Katz, Judy McCarty, MaryAnne Pinter, Natalie Rencher, Katie Sullivan

Absent: Susan Lew

Staff: Bruce Herring, Deputy City Manager; Anna Tatár, Library Director; Victoria Hamilton, Executive Director, SDCAC; Lynda Forsha, Public Arts Program Administrator; Meryl Balko, Deputy Library Director; Margaret Kazmer, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Director of Development; Margot Howard, Assistant Director of Development; Dana Springs, Public Art Program Assistant; Drew Ector, Council Representative; Carol Young, Senior Management Analyst

Public: Thomas Jamieson, Christopher Lee, Cecily McEuen, Les Williamson

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 2004 minutes were approved.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update

Staff from the Commission for Arts and Culture and artist Christopher Lee gave a presentation on the new public art program and artwork planned at new branch libraries. Mr. Lee provided artwork for the Rancho Bernardo, La Jolla and new College-Rolando library facilities.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

No report.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Tom Jamieson

Congressman Cunningham has secured \$175,000 in federal funding to fund Tutor.com for an additional year.

The next advisory board meeting will be on January 20.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Anna Tatár

The Library's Director of Development, Jay Hill, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the plans and successes of the Development Program.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Mel Katz

Commissioner Katz stated that the challenge in 2005 will be to ensure that the budget situation does not impact the ongoing development of the library system.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE: Bruce Herring

The Mayor will give the State of the City Address on Monday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. The following week City Council will address an item to move money temporarily from future library construction projects to the College-Rolando and Otay-Nestor projects to allow for completion of construction.

The FY 2006 proposed budget will be issued in early May. It will be a very challenging year for the budget.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, Cont.

- Ms. Tatár thanked the Commissioners for the wonderful work and support in 2004.

- Library staff is working on a \$500,000 grant proposal to submit to the National Endowment for the Humanities to endow a cultural programming position. The grant will require a \$1.5 million match.
- Commissioner Sullivan was recognized for her volunteer work at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon.
- Marsha Haas donated \$175,000 to the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library in memory of her daughter.
- The Tierrasanta Branch Library provided the location for Time-Warner Cable to offer the families of service members stationed overseas to send free messages during the holidays.
- The Stories of Faith program, funded by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities, will continue in January with a lecture by author and professor Diana Eck on January 20 at UCSD.
- A technology plan for the Malcolm X Library has been prepared by staff and will be reviewed by the Malcolm X Technology Committee.

Commissioner Hervey recommended making a presentation to City Council on the Library Improvements Program and fundraising efforts. Mr. Herring responded that this might be taken to the PS&NS Committee, which is chaired by Councilmember Madaffer. Commissioner Hervey volunteered to draft a letter from the Commission to City Council as a way of having regular communications with Councilmembers.

Commissioner Hervey asked whether wireless technology will make computer labs obsolete. Staff responded that provide computers to those without laptops, are used for computer training, provide better access to library databases, and provide better control of Internet access. Consequently they will not make the labs obsolete anytime soon.

AGENDA ITEMS, Cont.

10.b Budget Update

No report.

10.c Legislative Update

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

ANNA TATÁR
Library Director

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