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## BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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### MINUTES

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#### SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday March 5, 2008

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commissioners:

**Present:** Mel Katz, Judy McCarty, Katie Sullivan, Susan Lew (via phone)

**Absent:** Susan Atkins, MaryAnne Pintar, Matthew Hervey

**Staff:** Anna Tatár, Library Director; Meryl Balko, Deputy Director; Bruce Johnson, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Director of Development; Mary Ann Tilotta, Associate Management Analyst, Lea Fields, Council District 4

**Public:** Brenda Mason, Sheila Padgett

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2008 minutes were approved unanimously.

### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Shelia Padgett

The Friends are actively supporting the Children's Book Festival planned for May 4 at the North University Community Branch with joint participation of the Nobel Park Recreation Center. The Friends met on March 9 for a planning meeting and are hoping to recruit 200 volunteers for the program.

**SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD:** Brenda Mason

The Serra Administrative Council met with representatives of San Jose State University on January 31 to discuss applying for an Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant to provide financial assistance to staff in member libraries pursuing studies in Library and Information Science. The Council meets next March 20 in El Centro.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE:** Mel Katz

The "One Book One San Diego" programs on "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson have been very successful with over 4,000 people attending. There were capacity crowds at many of the programs.

Chairman Katz' term on the Library Board is up this month, but he will continue serving until a successor is named. Commissioner Lew's appointment is also ending. She has declined to be considered for reappointment.

Library Director Anna Tatár will be retiring at the end of June. The City is conducting a nation wide search for the position. Chairman Katz thanked Ms. Tatár for her long and dedicated service to the Library.

The Library Foundation was audited by the City and there were a few recommendations for improved recordkeeping and procedures.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:** Anna Tatár

- Ms Tatár thanked Chairman Katz for his commitment and effectiveness on behalf of the Library during his eight years on the Library Board of Commissioners. She presented him with the Library's "My First Library Card" in recognition of the birth of his first grandchild. The card, along with a Kit for New Parents are components of the Library's partnership with the First 5 Commission.
- Jay Hill provided the following update on the Foundation and Development office activities:
- The Foundation has completed its successful FY07 audit and taxes with the accounting firm Leaf & Cole and continues to be among the top non-profits in terms of fundraising efficiency.
- Revenues are up for the Library Foundation which anticipates an excess of \$3 million this fiscal year, mostly in restricted gifts to support the Library.
- The Foundation hosted the Estate Planning Council of San Diego for a successful evening of informative library fun on February 26. The Carnegie Society, honoring those recognizing the Library in their estate plans, has just surpassed 50 families and continues to be a wonderful legacy of the outstanding service the Library offers to its customers. The annual luncheon tea will honor retiring City Librarian Anna Tatár and will be held May 15.

- Ms. Tatár announced that retired baseball star Dave Winfield donated 103 books on baseball to the Library's collection.
- On March 11, author Tracy Kidder will speak at the Central Library as part of the One Book, One San Diego program.
- The City's annual Customer Service Survey has had overwhelmingly positive responses about Library services.
- Ms. Tatár stated the Library was scheduled on March 5 for a presentation before the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. [The presentation was cancelled due to the lack of quorum. It is rescheduled for April 24.]

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **10.a Library System Update**

Library and City staff are continuing to work with the State Librarian's Office on reviewing plans and construction documents for the New Central Library. Meetings with potential donors are also continuing.

### **10.b Budget Update**

The printed City Budget is scheduled to be issued on April 11. Ms. Tatár thanked Budget Committee members Katie Sullivan, Mel Katz, and Matthew Hervey for their input on the Library budget.

### **10.c Legislative Update**

No report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.



ANNA TATÁR  
Library Director

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