



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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## MINUTES

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### SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, July 01, 2009

## ATTENDANCE

### Commissioners:

**Present:** Katie Sullivan, Matthew Hervey, Mel Katz, Salvatore Giametta, Judy McCarty, Alan Ziegaus, Susan Atkins

**Staff:** Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Doug Spence, OCA Deputy Director, Central; Kathleen Wheatley, OCA Deputy Director, Branches; Jay Hill, San Diego Public Library Foundation Executive Director; Dominika Bukalova, Research Analyst, IBA Office; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

**Public:** Shannon Moskitis

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 2009 minutes were approved unanimously.

## REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

## NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

None.

## SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

Ms. Barrow announced that Serra received a national grant award from IMLS in the amount of \$708,000. It is a three year grant to recruit and train local staff to become librarians to serve San Diego and Imperial Counties.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE:** Katie Sullivan

Commissioner Sullivan reported that two Board of Library Commission letters were sent to the Mayor and Council, per the two motions that were made from last month's meeting.

Commissioner Sullivan distributed copies of articles about the New Main Library that had recently appeared in the Union Tribune, and mentioned that Scott Peters had written a wonderful letter of support.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:** Deborah Barrow

- Ms. Barrow passed out information from the Police Department comparing crime in the downtown area to the immediate area around the Central Library.
- The Oak Park Library celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Wednesday, June 10.
- The Benjamin Branch Library celebrated its 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, June 6.
- The University Community Branch Library reopened after having been closed for two months for renovations, which included recarpeting and painting. The branch is hosting a month-long celebration with a kickoff event scheduled for Monday, July 6, at 6:00 pm.
- The San Diego Public Library has two openings for Deputy Director. Meryl Balko retired as Deputy Director of Branch Libraries last May. Bruce Johnson left as Deputy Director of the Central Division, and accepted the position of Director of the Inglewood Public Library. Interviews for both vacant Deputy Director positions have recently been conducted. An announcement with the results of these interviews could be made within the next few weeks.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**9.a Library System Update**

Cynthia Meinhardt was unable to attend the meeting. Deborah Barrow reviewed the written Capital Improvement Project Update report.

Ms. Barrow gave an overview of the New Central Library power point presentation and funding information that was given at the Rules Committee meeting on June 24. The City and School District negotiated a Letter of Intent to lease the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> floors for a public charter high school, which will be taken to Council for consideration. After a lengthy discussion by the commissioners and staff, the following motion was made:

**Motion:**

Commissioner McCarty moved that the Library Commissioners support the Letter of Intent to lease two floors of the New Main Library to the San Diego Unified School District for a Public Charter School.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **9.a Library System Update (cont)**

Logan Branch Library is 88% complete and the grand opening is scheduled for this fall.

Skyline Hills Branch Library project is on hold waiting for funds for construction and on-going operational costs. The San Diego Foundation's/Hervey Family Trust Fund commitment to this project expired at the end of last year. The request to return the money previously advanced on the project is temporarily on hold due to the implementation of the City's new SAP (financial accounting) program.

### **9.b Budget Update**

Commissioner Sullivan reported that due to a mid-year budget adjustment, money for the Matching Funds account was reduced by \$250,000. Council action is still pending regarding the possibility of a parking meter fee increase.

### **9.c Legislative Update**

None.

### **9.d Foundation Update – Jay Hill**

Mr. Hill handed out a chart and gave a brief summary of the Foundation's budget and restructure.

For the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the Foundation exceeded \$1.25 million to Matching Funds.

The Foundation has two new trustees, Vickie Church and Amy Valeiras.

There are two new PSAs (Public Service Announcements) on the Foundation's website. One is regarding the Children's Summer Reading Program, and the other is for Live Homework Help.

August 23 is Library Day at Petco Park. The Library will receive a portion of the proceeds for this event.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Barrow introduced Doug Spence at Acting Deputy Director for the Central Division.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

***Deborah L. Barrow***

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