



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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## MINUTES

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#### SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, April 07, 2010

## ATTENDANCE

### Commissioners:

**Present:** Katie Sullivan, Susan Atkins, Salvatore Giametta, Matthew Hervey, Sarah White, Alan Ziegaus

**Absent:** Abby Silverman Weiss

**Staff:** Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Christine Siegel, Deputy Director; Kathleen Wheatley, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, San Diego Public Library Foundation Executive Director; Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II, Engineering & Capital Projects; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

**Public:** Brenda Mason, John McAllister

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Correction to March 2010 minutes: Update Commissioner letterhead to reflect current commissioners.**

The March 2010 minutes were then approved unanimously.

## REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

## NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** John McAllister

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends Essay Contest held on April 1 was a great success. Commissioner Sullivan asked to see the essays of the three grand prize winners. Mr. McAllister will provide them.

**SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD:** Brenda Mason

The application period for the *Librarians for Diverse Communities* program funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services ended on March 31. A total of twenty library science students will be selected to receive scholarships of up to \$7,000 per year.

**FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Jay Hill

Important dates coming up for the new Central Library Project:

- April 20 – City Council to approve lease agreement with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD)
- April 27 – SDUSD Board to approve lease agreement with City of San Diego
- June 16 – Rules Committee for approval to begin construction on project
- June 29 – City Council for authorization to begin construction on project

A handout on the proposed charter school for the new Central Library was distributed.

CEPAL (Center for Education Policy and Law) will manage the development process for the new charter school. CEPAL will provide a power point presentation at the next commission meeting.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE:** Katie Sullivan

Deferred.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:** Deborah Barrow

- The new Logan Heights Branch Library was featured in the American Library Association's 2010 Design Showcase under two categories: *Themes and Styles*, and *Natural Light*.
- On May 14, award winning children's author Pam Munoz Ryan will hold a presentation for school children at the Logan Heights Branch Library. Ms. Barrow thanked Foundation staff and the Logan Friends for their efforts in coordinating this event.
- Ms. Barrow gave an update on the Google Book Settlement. The settlement allows Google to digitize millions of books for online use. However, one potential drawback is the proposal that each library would have access to these books through only one terminal.

- National Library Week is April 11-17, 2010, to acknowledge and thank library staff for their hard work and dedication.
- National Volunteer Week is April 18-24, 2010, to recognize and celebrate our volunteers for all their contributions.
- Implementing Floating Collections on a limited basis is being investigated.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **10.a Library System Update: Cynthia Meinhardt**

Ms. Meinhardt gave a detailed update on the New Central Library. The City/School District lease agreement is scheduled to go to City Council on April 20, and the SDUSD Board on April 27. Turner is currently bidding the project, and the draft GMP (Gross Maximum Price) is due by the end of April. The deadline to the State Library to have a completed lease agreement with the School District, and results from the bidding process, is May 1, 2010, with construction required to begin by August 1.

The Logan Heights Branch Library is scheduled to receive two awards. On May 13, *Project of the Year* award from APWA (American Public Works Association); and on May 15, *Community Improvement* award from ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers).

### **CHAIR'S UPDATE: Katie Sullivan**

Commissioner Sullivan gave a brief overview of the financing for the new Central Library, and is pleased that the project is on target. The Foundation and School District are working on developing a high quality charter school to serve the downtown area.

### **10.b Budget Update: Deborah Barrow**

Ms. Barrow reported that the FY2011 budget will be released next week, and is going to Council on April 21. No significant changes are anticipated. The Library's budget is scheduled to go to Council on Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 pm. [Revised to May 6, 3:00 pm].

After a discussion on the mandatory furlough program hours and holiday hours, Ms. Barrow thanked the commissioners for their input.

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

Meetings with State Legislators are being scheduled on April 16 for Day in the District.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

***Deborah L. Barrow***

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