



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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## MINUTES

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### SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, May 05, 2010

## ATTENDANCE

### Commissioners:

**Present:** Katie Sullivan, Susan Atkins, Matthew Hervey, Abby Silverman Weiss, Alan Ziegaus

**Absent:** Salvatore Giametta, Sarah White

**Staff:** Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Christine Siegel, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Darren Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, Engineering & Capital Projects; Marina Perez, Librarian IV, Children's Room; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

**Public:** Scott Himmelstein, Julie Cramer, Brenda Mason, John McAllister, Carleen Hemric

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 2010 minutes were approved unanimously.

## REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

## NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Jay Hill

Scott Himelstein and Julie Cramer from CEPAL (Center for Education Policy and Law) gave a power point presentation on the proposed charter school in the new Central Library. They are working with the Foundation to develop a plan for a high quality, high performing charter high school that will serve the students in the downtown and San Diego area.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**10.a Library System Update:** Darren Greenhalgh

Mr. Greenhalgh gave a detailed update on the New Central Library. The City/School District lease agreement was approved by City Council on April 20, and the SDUSD Board on April 27. Turner Construction submitted their draft GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) of \$144,436,810, which is slightly less than the 2005 estimate, for a project total of just short of \$185 million. Staff is working with Turner to negotiate the final GMP. The Construction Manager at Risk contract is being finalized and is tentatively scheduled to go to the Rules Committee on June 18, and City Council on June 28, 2010, for approval. The completed lease agreement and results of the bidding process were sent to the State Librarian on April 30.

Commissioner Sullivan distributed a memo from Mayor Sanders which provided information about the GMP. Commissioner Sullivan emphasized that the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price), ensures the City and citizens that the project will not cost more than the final negotiated price.

**REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** John McAllister and Carleen Hemric

Copies of the essay winners from the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the Library Essay Contest were provided to the commissioners. Winners of the essay contest participated in the parade for Linda Vista's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Multi-Cultural Fair and Parade. The Friends are seeking donors to help fund future essay contests. Award winning children's author Pam Munoz Ryan will hold a presentation for school children at the Logan Heights Branch Library at 10:30 am on Friday, May 14. Scholastic has agreed to donate a book for each child in attendance.

**SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD:** Brenda Mason

Serra applied for a LSTA grant that will pay for a jobs and career search database that patrons can access at any library, or remotely through the web. The grant will also pay for training of staff, and for a virtual reference pilot project. The Oak Park Branch library book sale will be held on Saturday, May 22, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

**FOUNDATION UPDATE (cont):** Jay Hill

Mr. Hill thanked staff, commissioners, and everyone else involved for their assistance in moving the new Central Library project forward. Mr. Hill also thanked John McAllister and Carleen Hemric for their advocacy efforts in supporting this project.

The Carnegie Tea will be held on Tuesday, May 18, at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library. Commissioner Hervey is hosting the event.

Mr. Hill thanked Ms. Barrow, Ms. Siegel, and library staff for the great work that they do.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:** Deborah Barrow

- Marina Perez gave a power point presentation on the upcoming 2010 Summer Reading Program. Last year's program was very successful with 27,000 children and teens participating. The theme for this year is water. For children it is, "*Make a Splash – Read;*" and for teens it is, "*Make Waves at Your Library.*" Prizes for participants who finish reading ten books include museum tickets, food coupons, and tickets to Padres games. The Padres have again generously donated 20,000 tickets for this program. Teens that finish the reading requirement of 10 books are eligible to compete in a raffle for one of four (4) iPads.
- Ms. Barrow referred to a handout prepared by OCLC, "*How Libraries Stack Up: 2010*" that described important facts on how public libraries provide free services such as career assistance materials, meeting rooms, and internet access. In the United States, there were 1.4 billion public library visits in the past year.
- Ms. Barrow also reported on a study, "*Opportunity for all: How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at U.S. Libraries.*" The study was done under the auspices of the Institute for Museums and Libraries, and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- In a recent Union Tribune article, "*Online Lockers Keep School in Student's Reach,*" the Logan Branch Library was mentioned as an example of the place where students go to log onto a server system called "School Web Lockers" to complete school assignments and communicate with teachers and other students.
- Grammy winner Patti Austin will be at the City Heights Performance Annex on Saturday, May 8, at 12:30 pm. The concert event is sponsored by the Inaugural Circle of Education.
- Recently there was an article in City Beat about the Allan Morrow's exhibition, "*Painting Fences,*" currently on display at the Pacific Beach Library, as part of the Library's Visual Arts Program.
- READ/San Diego's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tutor Conference is being held on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Over 200 people are expected to attend this event, which was coordinated by library staff for learners and tutors throughout the State.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE:** Katie Sullivan

Commissioner Sullivan passed out a recent Union Tribune article on the new Central Library describing how the current bids for this project have come in slightly lower than the 2005 estimate.

At the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library, Computers 2Kids, the Library Foundation, and SDPL kicked off a new, "*Computers 2 San Diego Kids*" (C2SDK) program. Thirty-five families signed up to receive computers. Ms. Sullivan thanked Foundation member Gus Magee, who has partnered with C2SDK, and Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Manager Rita Glick, for helping make this event successful.

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

Ms. Barrow reported that the Library's budget is going to Council on May 6. Ms. Barrow explained that due to the City's new accounting system, hourly staff are being calculated differently.

**10.c Legislative Update**

Day in the District meetings took place with Senator Kehoe and Assembly Member Salas. A meeting with Senator Ducheny is pending.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

***Deborah L. Barrow***

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