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### MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 02, 2011

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commissioners:

**Present:** Katie Sullivan, Matthew Hervey, Sarah White, Salvatore Giametta, Abby Silverman Weiss, Alan Ziegaus

**Absent:** Susan Atkins

**Staff:** Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Christine Siegel, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Steve Hawkesworth, Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Charlie Goldberg, Marketing Director, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Darren Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, Engineering & Capital Projects; Dana Springs, Public Art Program Manager, Commission for Arts and Culture; 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

The February 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

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

On March 8, the Linda Vista Branch Library is hosting a special event, *Vietnamese-American Poets & Librarians*. The program will feature award winning poet and Monterey Public Library Director Kim Bui-Burton. Ms. Bui-Burton is also the immediate Past President of the California Library Association. Commissioner Sullivan asked if a date had been set for the annual essay contest. Mr. McAllister will report back at the next commission meeting.

**SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD:** Brenda Mason

On February 10, SERRA helped sponsor an all day workshop, *Fun Facts of Early Literacy* at the Mission Valley Branch Library, and 50 people attended from San Diego and Imperial Counties. The workshop was organized by Kirby McCurtis, San Diego Public Library, and Anna Hartman, San Diego County Library, as part of the State's *Eureka Leadership Institute*.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Jay Hill/Steve Hawkesworth

Mr. Hill introduced Charlie Goldberg, Marketing Director for the Library Foundation. Mr. Goldberg is responsible for the Library Foundation's online giving and annual giving campaigns.

In December of last year Martin Kornfeld donated \$100,000 to the New Central Library in memory of his wife.

Mr. Hawkesworth gave an update on the New Central Library Technology meeting hosted by Cox Communications on February 15. Twelve people attended, including Library and Library Foundation staff and Commission members, along with staff from SAIC and Qualcomm. The meeting was to discuss cutting edge technology and equipment for the New Central Library in order to meet the current and future needs of the community. A second meeting is scheduled for March 15 at Qualcomm.

Mr. Hill distributed a handout describing health and wellness information that is available, free of charge, at the San Diego Public Library.

An email alert was sent to the Friends Advocacy Network encouraging them to write to State officials to oppose the Governor's proposed budget cut of critical library and literacy funding.

Mr. Hill passed out a handout for the successful *Tell Us Your Story* campaign that launched last summer.

Talking points were discussed to help promote the New Central Library's fund raising efforts.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Mr. Greenhalgh gave an update on the New Central Library. The project is on schedule and work continues on installing waterproofing, structural concrete and rebar.

Ms. Barrow gave an update on the following projects:

- Met with CDBG staff regarding Skyline service area, actively looking at potential funding for the new branch library.
- Discussion with Redevelopment Agency, San Ysidro School District, and architects on potential locations for new San Ysidro Branch Library should funding become available.
- Met with staff regarding San Carlos Branch Library regarding design considerations since Community Service Centers no longer exist.
- Discussion about alternative design for Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library regarding Craftsman style library.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:** Deborah Barrow

- Dana Springs, Public Art Program Manager, Commission for Arts and Culture, gave a comprehensive report on the City's Public Art Program and the Mayor's proposal to suspend Council Policy 900-11, *Inclusion of Public Art in Selected Capital Improvements Program and Redevelopment Agency Projects*. In a special meeting on March 1, 2011, the Commission for Arts and Culture voted to recommend that public art projects for the New Central Library be exempt from the Mayor's proposal. Ms. Spring also described the process that the Arts and Culture Commission went through for the selection of four artists to design art projects for the New Central Library, and passed around samples of the artists' work for the commissioners to view.

**Motion:**

The Library Commission supports the Commission for Arts and Culture proposal recommending that the public art projects for the New Central Library be exempt from the Mayor's proposal on the grounds that the New Central Library is a region-wide asset, the funding for the public art comes from private donations, not the General Fund, and the public art is integral to the building and was specified in winning applications for grants from the California State Library Office of Library Construction, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Ms. Barrow sadly reported that Dr. Isabel Schon, Director of the *Isabel Schon International Center for Spanish Books for Youth* at the San Diego Public Library, is gravely ill.
- Today is Dr. Seuss's birthday! The Children's Room at the Central Library is having a special event to celebrate this occasion.
- In December 2010, 29 out of 36 libraries sustained rain damage. The Library is working with Facilities Maintenance to repair the leaks.
- The *La Jolla Light* published an article by Doug Dawson, President, Friends of the La Jolla Library, entitled, *What if the library was closed 3 days?* The article talks about the City's current budget problems.

- A *One Book, One San Diego* event will be held at the Linda Vista Branch Library on March 8. The featured guest speaker is award winning poet Kim Bui-Burton. Staff is already working on selecting next year's book.
- Plans for this year's Summer Reading Programs have begun. The theme for children is, *One World, Many Stories*. The teen theme is, *You are Here*. The Library is also starting an Adult Summer Reading Program, and a Staff Summer Reading Program.
- Ms. Barrow mentioned several grants that staff has been awarded:
  - Working with teen moms enrolled in school.
  - Grant with the Center for Media Art, *Mobile Voices*, to facilitate photo journalism with youth at three libraries.
  - *Life After 50* to develop more volunteer opportunities for people in that age group, as well as programs and special interest events.
- The Central Library has started a new Teen Advisory group which will help with planning for the New Central Library Teen Space.
- Staff has been doing a great job with various planning meetings on the New Central Library.
- A ULC (Urban Libraries Council) handout on *Five Leadership Roles for Library Trustees* was distributed to the commissioners.
- Commissioners who are eligible for re-appointment have received, or will receive, a communication from the Mayor's office. Just a reminder that Commissioners continue to serve on the Board until a replacement has been appointed by the Mayor's office.

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

No change to report. The Mayor's proposed budget is due to come out by April 15, 2011.

**10.c Legislative Update:**

CLA (California Library Association) is still asking for letters to oppose Governor Brown's proposal to eliminate all funding for library and literacy programs. Commissioner Sullivan asked for a volunteer to attend Legislative Day with Ms. Barrow on May 18.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

***Deborah L. Barrow***

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Library Director

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