



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

# BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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Mel Katz, Chair

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## MINUTES

San Diego Public Library  
Wednesday, July 5, 2006

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commissioners

**Present:** Mel Katz, Matthew Hervey, MaryAnne Pintar, Katie Sullivan

#### Commissioners

**Absent:** Susan Lew, Judy McCarty, Natalie Rencher

**Staff:** Esther Siman, Assistant to the Director; Meryl Balko, Deputy Director; Margaret Kazmer, Deputy Director; Darren Greenhalgh, Senior Civil Engineer; Jay Hill, Director of Development; Dianne Parham, Senior Management Analyst

**Public:** Vickie Church/Friends of the San Diego Public Library; Thomas Jamieson, Serra System Advisory Board

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved unanimously.

### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None

### NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

**REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** Vickie Church

The Friends Book Sales Forum will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The Friends annual meeting will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in Point Loma.

**SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD:** Tom Jamieson

No report. He mentioned that the Central Friends contributed \$45,000 in contributions for FY 2006.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE: Commissioner Katz**

Judith Harris is the new chair of the San Diego Public Library Foundation. Other officers are: Mel Katz, Vice-Chair, John Messner, Treasurer, Mary Walshok, Secretary. Other Board members: Katie Sullivan, Susan Lew, Anne White, and Jim Dawe.

Howard Kummerman is the new Assistant Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Neighborhood Services. He is the former Executive Director of the Grossmont Community College Foundation.

The Mayor's Office is working on appointments and re-appointments to the Library Commission.

**DEPUTY CHIEF'S UPDATE: Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., Deputy Chief** was not in attendance.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:** Esther Siman for Anna Tatár who is on vacation.

- Jay Hill provided his year end overview for the Development Office. The Foundation will be paying for Raiser's Edge, the new donor database software.
- The Governor signed the budget, which added \$7 million to the Public Library Fund. This will increase the Library's portion from \$512,763 to approximately \$769,145. Questions from Commissioners about PLF: Can PLF be used for CIP or is it for operating expenses only? Can PLF be used for self-check systems, and other one time expenses? When Library Director Anna Tatár returns the Executive Committee will discuss priorities for the PLF, with the new integrated library system being a high priority with both the Library and the Mayor's office. Staff will confirm PLF uses with the State Library.
- The Library received a grant from the State Library (Civil Liberties Project), to dramatize the Miss Breed book. Author Joanne Oppenheim is working with the Asian theatre on this project.
- All City Libraries have been designated as cool zones.
- On June 5, there was a joint City-County press conference at Polinsky Center to initiate a City-County library effort for to provide library cards to children in foster care. The County will be signatory on the cards and children will not be charged fines.

- On June 15, there was a presentation of a check from Bank of America to kick off the Summer Reading Program. Anna Tatár attended with Joyce Blunt from the Bank of America Foundation at the Weingart/City Heights Branch Library.
- A bibliography created by Central Library's Art and Music Section has been created in conjunction with the Andy Warhol's Dream America exhibit at the SD Museum of Art.
- Esther thanked Commissioner Mel Katz for his participation on an all-day Arts and Culture Artist Selection panel. The public art is for children 0 to 5 years, parents and caregivers at the new Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library.
- Rancho Bernardo Branch Library celebrated its 10th anniversary. Current Councilmember Maienschein and former Councilmember Warden attended the celebration.
- Teen-produced documentary films and community videos were viewed at Central Library, as part of the *Barrio Logan: Youth Voices* project. Representatives from State Library attended and were very pleased with this project.
- Esther Siman asked the Commissioners if they wanted press releases about library events e-mailed. The commissioners indicated that they would like future press releases e-mailed.
- When Warren Buffet presented his gift to the Gates Foundation, Gates gave him a book as thanks, and the presentation was held at the New York Public Library. The Gates Foundation previously distributed funds through State Libraries for the purpose of connecting libraries to the Internet, and continues to have a goal helping public libraries stay connected (<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Libraries/USLibraryProgram>).
- There was an article in the *San Diego Union Tribune's Night and Day* about the art exhibit at the Pacific Beach Branch.
- There is a new web address for the San Diego Public Library: [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org), which will be used on all future library marketing.

The Library budget and the possibility of increasing the matching funds were discussed. The allocation for the matching funds was not increased in FY 2007. A motion was proposed and passed for the Commission to ask their budget sub-committee to talk with Councilmembers on increasing the matching funds to \$1.5 million for next fiscal year. Commissioner Pintar requested that the Development Office provide a record of FY 2006 donations that were held for FY 2007 deposit to assist the budget sub-committee in this endeavor.

Meryl Balko announced that the library would be receiving Community Block Grant Development Funds (CDBG) for projects at Oak Park and Paradise Hills branch libraries.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Darren Greenhalgh, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering & Capital Projects, provided the update on library projects.

- The plan check stage of the Main Library site is wrapping up. Demolition is complete and one underground kerosene tank was located. A remediation contract is going forward.
- Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch is 90% complete
- North University Community Branch is 40% complete.
- Logan Heights Branch is in plan review, and there will be a bid opening this fall. The council member and Latino Institute had questions and responses were provided.
- No updates about Balboa, North Park, Mission Hills, San Carlos, Skyline Hills

#### **10.b Budget Committee Update – Commissioner Sullivan**

No report

#### **10.e Legislative Update**

Proposition 81 was defeated on the June 6 ballot. Commissioner Sullivan noted that the vote in the City of San Diego was consistent the Statewide results. A discussion followed regarding the possible reasons for the defeat of Proposition 81.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

  
ANNA TATÁR  
Library Director

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