

**MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Matthew Hervey, Mel Katz, Judy McCarty, MaryAnne Pintar, Natalie Rencher, Katie Sullivan

Absent: Susan Lew

Staff: Anna Tatár, Library Director; Afshin Oskoui, Deputy Director; Meryl Balko, Deputy Director; Margaret Kazmer, Deputy Director; Darren Greenhalgh, Senior Civil Engineer; Carol Young, Senior Management Analyst

Public: Art Castro, Christina Clifford, Tom Delaney, Thomas Jamieson, Robert Magness, Rob Quigley, Ron Rudolph, Edward Teysier

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 2005 minutes were approved.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Teysier noted that City Council voted down moving non-agenda items to the end of the Council Docket.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Katie Sullivan

Commissioner Sullivan reminded the Commission that the Essay Contest awards ceremony will be held on April 28 to honor the top 12 winners.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Tom Jamieson

The State will be reducing Serra's operating budget by least 4.5 percent.

Currently there are only five representatives on the advisory board. There should be one from every member library. Mr. Jamieson was elected chair of the board.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update

Mr. Oskoui began an overview of the new Main Library project by introducing the project team. Preparations are being made to move the Police garage in July.

The goal of value engineering is to provide the same basic quality at a reduced price. San Diego is experiencing significant construction price escalations. The elimination of tenant improvements on the 6th and 7th floors and the delay or deletion of the auditorium will provide the greatest cost savings. Delaying the auditorium is feasible since it is separate from the main facility, and the area will be used to stage construction. It is hoped that private funding will come in for the auditorium. Bids will include construction of the auditorium to lock in the price.

Mr. Quigley stated that the value engineering changes are acceptable. He will inform the Commission if he feels the character of the building has been compromised by value engineering.

Turner Construction is working to educate the subcontractors on the project, noting that most of the work is standard construction to maintain costs, with some unique features to provide character. Turner's role as Construction Manager-at-Risk will be to eventually guarantee the price.

Construction documents should be complete in mid-July. Bids could be available in September if the \$30 million in private funding is identified.

Commissioner Hervey asked if someone on the Library's staff is working with the project team on technical changes in areas such as information technology. Ms. Tatár responded that both staff and a technology consultant have been working on the plans.

Commissioner Hervey asked about the impact of deleting tenant improvements on the anticipated lease income. Mr. Oskoui responded that rent credits and other mechanisms may be used to offset the cost of improvements to prospective tenants. The income was originally needed to pay off bonds, but bonds will no longer be needed so any income from rent can now be used to offset operating cost increases.

Commissioner McCarty voiced her concern that the facility not be too cutting edge and therefore

difficult to use, nor have too many substitutions for cheaper materials that will reduce the life of the building. Mr. Quigley responded that the library was designed to be a 100 year building.

Commissioner Katz asked how the Commission can be assured that changes meet the architect's standards. Mr. Quigley responded that there are two types of potential changes – ones that change the character of the building, and ones that mainly impact maintenance. Mr. Quigley promised to return to the Commission if either was to occur.

Tom Delaney of Springline Associates provided a brief overview of the Ballpark Village development that will be south of the Main Library. The project is in the master plan phase, which is focusing on items such as sun access view corridors and bulk control. The environmental process will be starting next week. Review of the master plan should be complete in June, after which the focus will be on the design of individual buildings.

Mr. Oskoui provided a brief summary of the branch library projects included in the written CIP update.

10.b Matching Library Material Fund Update

Ms. Balko provided an overview of the written report, including formulas used to distribute the Matching Library Materials Fund pool, the branch portion of the General Fund library materials budget, and other sources of library materials funding. This item will be brought back for further discussion and a vote at the May Commission meeting.

10.c Budget Update

No report.

10.d Legislative Update

April 20 is Library Legislative Day. The Friends of the Library will be sending someone to participate.

10.e Library Commission Meeting Day and Time Discussion

It was determined that the meeting day and time will stay the same, and that the Library will ensure that the public can get into the Library to attend the meetings through the front door.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Anna Tatár

- The Library was the highest rated City service, receiving a 94 percent customer satisfaction rating, in the latest City survey.
- A "secret admirer" has been sending the Central Library a weekly bouquet of flowers,

which is being displayed in the various public service sections.

- Mr. Collins played Public Service Announcements supporting the Library which are currently running on City TV and have been sent to Cox and Time-Warner.
- A bequest benefiting the Riford/La Jolla Library will be on the City Council Docket of April 18.
- Paul Chacon was recognized by the Friends of the Library for donating free parking to Central Library patrons on weekends.
- The new Main Library will be docketed for the April 19 joint City Council/ Redevelopment Agency meeting. Commissioners requested that they be informed of the time when it is known.
- A \$40,000 grant has been awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts for the new Main Library.
- The Carnegie Society Tea will be held next Tuesday at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library. Author Susan Vreeland will be the guest speaker. Commissioner Hervey requested that the Mayor's Office be contacted to see if the La Jolla bequest can be announced at the tea.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Mel Katz

Commissioner Katz reported that he has been meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on the new Main Library issue. The Chamber has agreed to delay acting on the issue until June.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

ANNA TATÁR
Library Director