

**MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2005**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

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

Absent: Susan Lew

Staff: Anna Tatár, Library Director; Meryl Balko, Deputy Library Director; Margaret Kazmer, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Director of Development; Charles Wyborney, Supervising Librarian; Carol Young, Senior Management Analyst

Public: Thomas Jamieson, Christina Clifford, Cecily McEuen, Rudy Narvaez

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2005 minutes were approved.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Cecily McEuen

Participation may be down this year for the Essay Contest because City Schools got the information out to students late. Essays are due February 17, and prizes will be awarded March 28.

The College-Rolando Friends chapter has launched a new website at www.collegerolandolibrary.org.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Tom Jamieson

There was no board meeting in January.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Mel Katz

Commissioner Katz had a conversation with Deputy City Manager Herring about the Library's budget, to express concern that the department's operating budget not be affected too much in the coming fiscal year.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Anna Tatár

- The Library's Director of Development, Jay Hill, reviewed a new financial report which tracks revenues, the number of contributors, renewal rates and development expenses. Per a suggestion by Commissioner Katz, year-to-date contributions to the matching funds will be added to the report.

Commissioner McCarty asked whether specific communities had been targeted for fundraising. Mr. Hill responded that funds have been requested from the Friends of the Library to pay for five targeted mailings this year.

- Supervising Librarian Charles Wyborne provided an overview of technology planning, including recent accomplishments and planned improvements. He noted that providing wireless access at all library facilities was the biggest recent improvement. A pilot program will be initiated at the Central Library to allow patrons to check out laptop computers for a two hour period.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if the Library would be going to City Council to secure funding for a new Integrated Library System (ILS). Ms. Tatár responded that this item was on the department's unfunded needs list. Commissioner Sullivan suggested bringing in a national expert to present information to City Council about an ILS.

- The Library Department was a focal point of the Mayor's State of the City Address. Commissioner Hervey was recognized for his contribution to the Main Library.
- The Local Authors' Event was covered by the *Union-Tribune*. This year 239 authors were represented, and more than 100 attended the event.
- The Library's Stories of Faith Program received a \$2,000 Marshall Cavendish Award

from the American Library Association.

- The READ/San Diego Tutor-Learner Recognition Event will be held on February 5.
- A Manager's Report to modify the Council Policies on the matching equipment and materials funds, and to set up a matching programs fund, will be Docketed for City Council action in February.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

No report.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update

Commissioner Katz reported that the Mayor renewed his commitment to the Library Improvements Program, including the new Main Library, in his State of the City Address. He plans to ask CCDC for \$100 million so that bonds will not be needed to fund the Main Library project. In March, City Council will consider appropriating \$20 million in CCDC funds to finish the design and start construction.

Commissioner Sullivan requested that the Commissioners and Friends of the Library receive advanced notice of the specific date that the item is scheduled at Council.

Commissioner Hervey expressed concern about getting updated construction costs for the Main Library. He was told that the costs are currently being reviewed by the construction management firm. The current schedules calls for the Main Library to open in March, 2008.

A letter from Mr. Quigley concerning the impact of proposed towers on the Main Library was sent to the Library Commission. It said that the sun on the library may not be impacted, but they may impact the view of the Coronado Bridge.

Commissioner Pintar asked that the status of all of the properties around the new Main Library be scheduled for a future Commission meeting.

10.b Budget Update

There is no new information on the operating budget, but CIP funds were successfully shifted to complete the funding of the Otay-Nestor and College-Rolando projects.

10.c Legislative Update

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Tatár reported that Trevor Hoffman has agreed to be involved in the Library's next direct mail campaign.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

ANNA TATÁR
Library Director

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