

**MINUTES
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2004**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Matthew Hervey, Mel Katz, Natalie Rencher, Katie Sullivan

Absent: Judy McCarty, Susan Lew, MaryAnne Pintar

Staff: Anna Tatár, Library Director; Victoria Hamilton, Executive Director, SDCAC; Afshin Oskoui, Deputy Director; Lynda Forsha, Public Arts Program Administrator; Meryl Balko, Deputy Library Director; Margaret Kazmer, Deputy Director; Esther Siman, Assistant to the Director; Carol Young, Senior Management Analyst

Public: Christina Clifford, Thomas Jamieson, Cecily McEuen, Cay Montgomery, Connie Zuniga

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 2004 minutes were approved.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Cecily McEuen

The Friends are getting ready to kick off the essay contest. The awards ceremony is already scheduled for April 28, 2005 at the Balboa Park Club.

A tea for life members is being scheduled for February, 2005.

Connie Zuniga of the Logan Heights Friends of the Library attended the community meeting last week, at which a group of about ten community members expressed concern about the design of the new Logan Heights Branch Library. She said that the Friends of the Library were surprised that the issue was coming up now as the design had been on display for about 1½ years. Ms. Zuniga reported that the community needs the library, and most support the design.

Commissioner Rencher commended Ms. Zuniga for her leadership, and encouraged staff to continue communicating with the community.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Tom Jamieson

No report.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Mel Katz

Commissioner Katz reported that the Serra Mesa - Kearny Mesa Branch Library ground breaking was held in October. Of the 24 libraries included in the Library Improvements Program, two have opened and four are currently under construction.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Anna Tatár

- Ms. Tatár introduced her new Executive Secretary, Carol Tellez.
- Technology consultant Rob Magee will be in San Diego November 11 and 12 to work with staff on the Library' strategic technology plan.
- A Main Library partnering meeting will be taking place later this morning.
- Ms. Tatár stated that the decision to reschedule the screening of *Fahrenheit 9/11* was difficult. The screening has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 6, and will be shown with *Fahrenhype 9/11*. A discussion after the showing of the film will be led by Carole Kennedy, a political science professor at San Diego State University.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

No Report

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update

Victoria Hamilton and Lynda Forsha presented a brief overview of the Public Arts Program. Under the program, 68 projects have been completed with 17 more on the way.

A new Public Arts Master Plan was approved in April, 2004. As of FY 2006, two percent of a capital improvement project's construction budget will be used for public art. The new process calls for a panel of at least five members to select the artist(s). The panel includes a representative from the client department, and architectural representative, and at least one community member. The earlier process allowed the architect to select the artist.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hervey about the process, Mr. Oskoui said that major donors may participate in the selection of both the architect and the artist, if the donor so desires, depending upon when the donor comes on board during the process.

Commissioner Hervey asked about the process to select a thematic design. Mr. Oskoui replied that information derived from community workshops conducted to attain a community's vision is what determines what the design will reflect. Commissioner Hervey expressed interest in presentations of planned libraries and their themes in the future.

Mr. Oskoui reviewed the written Capital Improvements Program report. He noted that the design for the Skyline Hills Branch Library has been modified with input from the community.

Commissioner Rencher asked about the status of expending funds from the Montgomery Technology Fund for technology improvements at the Malcolm X Branch Library. Ms. Tatár reported that staff has been working on plans, and that she will meet with Ms. Montgomery to discuss the plans. Ms. Montgomery reported that a new fund raising and spending plan is being developed for this fund. It was requested that this issue be discussed further at the December Commission meeting.

10.b Budget Update

Commissioner Katz requested that the Commission's budget subcommittee begin meeting prior to the date the Library submits its proposed budget to the City Manager.

10.c Legislative Update

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that there will be a December Commission meeting, which will include an initial update on planned library themes.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

ANNA TATÁR
Library Director

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