

Santa Barbara Public Library System  
Library Board

Minutes of the Meeting of January 14, 2010 held at Central Library

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Radecki-Bush; Christine Roberts; Eric Friedman;  
Dorothy Brilliant

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Irene Macias, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the Faulkner East  
Gallery at 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2010.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

***Library Plaza Project***

The Board discussed sending a letter to the Redevelopment Agency Board with its vision for the Library Plaza Project. The Board outlined specific needs and desires for the project and a motion was made to direct Library staff to draft a letter enumerating these items to the Agency board.

***Special Evening Budget Meeting***

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Special Meeting would be held March. Things to be discussed and decided at the next meeting would be:

- setting a date
- planning
- facilitator
- someone qualified to take notes to give to council members

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

***Budget Update***

The City will once again prepare a one-year budget instead of the customary two-year budget. The Budget kick-off meeting was yesterday and departments were given instructions for preparing their budgets. Each department has been asked to develop options for amounts between 10% and 12% for reducing their budget. It is expected that this will have a significant impact on City services. City Administrator Jim Armstrong will review the library's proposed budget at the end of February and will present a recommended budget on April 20.

Because revenues are falling below budget, departments have been asked to make additional adjustments in the current fiscal year. The Library is working to find the required savings and will realize some of these monies by not replacing the Senior Librarian position that recently became vacant due to a retirement.

#### *Activities*

MLK Service Day: We had more than 200 volunteers that came to the library and helped with a variety of tasks including re-shelving books and shelf reading, that is, making sure books are in the correct order on the shelves.

UCSB/SB Reads: We are kicking off the partnership between the two libraries with the book 'Enrique's Journey'. The author will be coming; there will be panel discussions, and a Spanish language outreach.

#### *Staff Update*

With Joan Kent retiring, Jim Armstrong appointed two current department heads to the position of Assistant City Administrator. They will still oversee their own departments and will take on the assignment of overseeing two additional departments. Marcelo Lopez will take on oversight of the Library Department.

Janice Rorick, Senior Librarian in charge of Youth Services will be retiring from the Library this week. Kathleen McIntosh, Children's Librarian is out on unpaid Leave.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Barbara Public Library.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gloria George