

Santa Barbara Public Library System
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2012 held at the Central Library

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Eric Friedman; Catherine Radecki-Bush; Christine Roberts;
Dianne Duva

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Irene Macias, Library Director and Scott Love, Library
Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the West Faulkner
Gallery at 12:00 p.m. on April 24, 2012.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: March 27, 2012 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jon Glasoe introduced himself and identified himself as an
applicant for the Library Board. He commented on the
Library Board application timeline and interview process,
Library Plaza Renovation Project, Children's Library
Project, and the 2012-2013 Library Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular meeting will be May 22, 2012 at 12:00
p.m. in the West Faulkner Gallery.

Old Business

Library Plaza Project

Library Director Irene Macias stated that the estimate provided by Peggy Burbank, Redevelopment Specialist, for completing the design phase for the Library Plaza Renovation Project is approximately \$85,000.00. She cited further design work that may be required at the beginning of construction, and extension of the concept design process requiring an additional public workshop, meetings with the Street Tree Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Historic Landmarks Commission.

Board Chair Eric Friedman requested that Irene please inform the Board if she hears of the Library Plaza Renovation Project coming up for consideration before the Historic Landmarks Commission or any other Committee. Irene affirmed that she will.

Board member Christine Roberts inquired about the criterion for historic landmark trees.

The Board discussed the cost to complete the design phase of the Library Plaza Renovation Project.

Irene provided an update to the Board on the matter of community member Hugh Margerum's desire to place a large concrete public ping pong table in the Library Plaza grass area. He proposed that the Library allow the table on a year-long trial basis; he would install the ping pong table at his own cost, and if it was deemed undesirable after a year, he would have it removed and bear all associated costs.

Eric recommended that Mr. Margerum provide a 5-10 minute presentation at the next Board Meeting regarding the proposed project and that the item be placed on the Agenda.

The Board discussed the public ping pong table proposal.

Children's Library Project

Irene updated the Board on the Children's Library Project. She provided copies of the slide presentation presented to Council with costs for the project, including contract and preliminary design costs, final design costs for the Master Plan including future modifications to the building, City staff costs, hazardous materials testing reports costs, construction costs, and construction management costs, to the Board. She stated that the added costs include infrastructure for a sprinkler system and patio repair costs. The total cost is approximately 3.1 million dollars.

The Board discussed the Children's Library Project. Irene mentioned that staff has been in communication with various agencies and organizations, and is exploring grant opportunities in relation to obtaining funding for the project.

Budget

Irene and Library Services Manager Scott Love distributed reports and provided an overview of the FY 2012-2013 budget for the entire Santa Barbara Public Library System and the General Fund Central and Eastside Libraries. The Board discussed the information at length.

Irene distributed a handout entitled, 'Proposed Costs of Monday Hours for Central Library' and informed the Board that the total cost of re-opening the Central Library on Mondays is \$175,710. The Board discussed the information.

Eric moved that in light of the fact that RDA funding was allocated in significant part to ongoing infrastructure essential to the Children's Library, the Library Board recommends the City Council committing alternate funding as a lead gift to the Children's Library. Dianne seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Christine moved that the Board approve the proposed 2012-2013 Budget as outlined by Irene with the addition of funding to allow re-opening of the Central Library on Mondays. Eric seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

New Business

Library Director's Report

Irene announced that the Summer Reading Program starts June 9th, 2012.

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012, at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rima Villarreal.