



**City of Santa Barbara
Public Library**

LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 25, 2013 held at the Central Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Eric Friedman; Dianne Duva; Susette Naylor; Christine Roberts
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jonathan Glasoe
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 Faulkner Gallery at 6:07 p.m. on April 25, 2013.
CHANGES TO AGENDA:	None
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	Minutes of March 26, 2013 were approved.
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	Member of the public Betsy Kramer positively commented on Library services and customer service provided by the staff. Member of the public Susan Shields commented on Library Board public meetings, the Library's book collection and fees, and the location of the Reference department at the Central Library.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	The next meeting will be on May 28, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. in the Faulkner Gallery West at the Central Library, 40 East Anapamu Street.

New Business

FY 13 Budget Presentation

Library Director Irene Macias and Library Services Manager Scott Love presented the State of the Library and FY 13 Budget Presentation.

Councilmember Cathy Murillo announced the commencement of the City of Santa Barbara budget process and encouraged members of the public in attendance at the Library Board Meeting to attend the budget hearing and voice their opinions regarding the Library Department's budget.

Irene Macias stated that the date for the Library Department's budget presentation before the City Council is Thursday, May 2nd.

Board member Susette Naylor inquired on whether there is any value in providing comparative mean data for cities that maintain similar demographic data as the City of Santa Barbara, as opposed to a summary of Californian and nationwide library statistics. Library Director Irene Macias stated that comparisons are often based upon per capita data. She indicated that in many ways resources are based upon geographical locations as well as community related support.

Board member Dianne Duva and Board Chair Eric Friedman thanked staff for compiling the statistics and creating the informative presentation.

Board Chair Eric Friedman commented on the fiscal year 2010 benchmarks data within the presentation, including visits per capita, circulation per capita statistics and paid FTE data. He stated that in comparison to Californian and national data, the Santa Barbara city libraries have higher FTEs than the state, but only about half as many as the nation. He commented that there have been many decreases to staff, but that the Library has been able to overcome it through efforts to look at efficiency and technology. He indicated that an increase in circulation/usage results in materials that are worn out in a shorter time period.

Board Chair Eric Friedman voiced his full support of the library's budget as it has been proposed, and also expressed support for the library's desire for additional staff, resources and funding. He also expressed support for the Children's Library Project.

Board member Susette Naylor inquired what the priority request within the Library's wish list would be if a single request could be fulfilled. Library Director Irene Macias indicated that she would prioritize the full-time librarian.

The Board unanimously recommended that the presented budget be what is placed before City Council, and that if funding is available the priority be placed upon hiring an additional full-time librarian.

Board/Staff Communications

Board member Susette Naylor inquired from member of the public Susan Shields what categories of books she finds are frequently unavailable at the Central Library. Mrs. Shields responded that many categories are unavailable. Library Services Manager Scott Love and Reference Librarian Jace Turner provided information relating to book title and subject requests and the impact of poor book budgets over consecutive years on a collection.

Future Agenda Items

Board Chair Eric Friedman requested that at an upcoming Board meeting the Board receive an update from staff on electronic magazine subscriptions.

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Faulkner Gallery West, 40 East Anapamu Street.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rima Villarreal.