

Santa Barbara Public Library System
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 9, 2010 held at Central Library

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Dorothy Brilliant; Eric Friedman; Catherine Radecki-Bush; Dianne Duva

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Christine Roberts

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Dale Francisco

STAFF PRESENT: Irene Macias, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the Faulkner Gallery East at 3:05 p.m. on September 9, 2010.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes were not approved and approval was postponed to October 14 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 3:00 pm in the Faulkner Gallery, East.

Library Plaza Project

Director Macias reports that there will be a delay in the selection of an architect until mid-November as it was decided to reissue the RFP in the interest of drawing from a larger pool of applicants.

Approval of: Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Free Library System

Director Macias reviewed the proposed Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Free Library System (570.04). The contract was approved with one abstention. Chairman Eric Friedman abstained due to employment with the County of Santa Barbara.

Review of Library Department's FY10 P3 Performance Measures

Director Macias reviewed the Library Department's FY 2010 P3 Performance Measures. The department accomplished 77% of its objectives (23 of 30) but fell short of its goal of accomplishing 80%. The impact of furlough closures was greater than anticipated, resulting in lower usage rates.

Library Director's Report

The Library obtained a \$2,000 Early Childhood Reading Grant from Target, Inc. Eight hundred children's books will be purchased and will be given away to children 0-5 years old who visit either the Eastside or Carpinteria County Public Health Clinics.

The library has added downloadable e-books. In the first two weeks the product was available; more than 75% of the items were checked out. The library has committed an additional \$5,000 to increase the collection and meet user demand.

The library is participating in a California State Library pilot project aimed at increasing the library's role as a convener of the community. The goal is to increase civic engagement around the topic of moving California forward through governmental reform. The plan is for 500 libraries across the state to convene meetings where residents can express their thought and ideas for moving California forward.

Personal Appointments/Staff Vacancies

Recruitment for a Library Manager is currently under way. The recruitment closes on September 13.