

Santa Barbara Public Library System  
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 11, 2010 held at Central Library

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Irene Macias, Library Director  
Myra Nicholas, Library Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the Faulkner  
Gallery East at 3:05 p.m. on November 11, 2010

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Clarification of Item (2) under New Business  
changed to Approval of: Proposed Capital  
Improvements Program

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: October minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular meeting will be January 13, 2011 at 3:00  
pm in the Faulkner Gallery, East.

*Library Plaza Project*

The final round of applicant interviews took place last week. It is expected that the announcement of the architect selected for the project will occur by the end of the month. Chair Friedman asked about the next steps in the process. Director Macias said that the next step was to get the approval of the City Council for the contract for the preliminary design. After that the process would begin. An important part of the process will be several stakeholder meetings to learn the desires of the local neighbors for the space.

*Approval of: Capital Improvement Plan*

Director Macias reviewed the proposed 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program. The program includes two library-funded projects: Central Library Building Renovation and Central Library Children's Section Remodel. The Library Plaza Renovation has funding for preliminary design through the Redevelopment Agency. The request is for an additional \$1.375 million to complete the project. A Major Recarpeting

Project for the Central Library is funded through the Public Works Department Facilities Maintenance Fund. The Board approved the Capital Improvement Plan unanimously.

### ***Election of new Chairperson***

It was agreed that the election of a new Chairperson will be deferred to the January Board Meeting.

### ***Library Director's Report***

The Public Works Department had planned to do some building maintenance projects in the Central Library during the furlough closures dates in December. However, a number of issues have arisen that have caused the majority of the projects to be postponed to a later date. One of the projects was an upgrade to the walls in the Faulkner Galleries. The plan had been to install a rail system for the hanging of art. Because of the concerns expressed by local art associations and members of the arts community, it has been decided to explore other options that would be suitable for the users of the galleries and would not have a negative impact on the acoustics of the venues as meeting rooms.

Director Macias also reported that she had learned that the Santa Barbara Art Association has been disappointed by the reduced number of months that they have been allocated for exhibitions. In the past, the SBAA had been granted the use of the Faulkner Gallery five or six months a year, due to lack of requests from other exhibitors. The interest and diversity of groups requesting exhibit space has increased, resulting in fewer months available to the Santa Barbara Art Association.

### ***Personal Appointments/Staff Vacancies***

Ms. Nicholas gave an update on the recruitment for the two Library Services Manager positions. An offer has been made for the first position. It is expected that the candidate will begin employment with the Library before the end of the month to have some transition time with Ms. Nicholas, the current Library Services Manager, who is retiring in December. There is one more interview scheduled later this month with a candidate for the other second Manager vacancy.

