

Santa Barbara Public Library System
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 14, 2011 held at Central Library

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Dianne Duva

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the Faulkner
Gallery East at 3:00 p.m. on April 14, 2011

CHANGES TO AGENDA: One new agenda item⁰⁰⁰ introduced:
Board members meeting with Mayor Schneider

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: February 10, 2011 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular meeting will be May 12, 2011 at 3:00 pm in the
Faulkner Gallery, East.

Board Members Meet With Mayor

Board Chair, Eric Friedman and Co-Chair, Catherine Radecki-Bush, along with other Board Chairs in the City, met with Mayor Schneider and Council where they discussed the Library Plaza project as well as other capital projects. They were able to discuss the Board's monitoring of the budget and mounting concerns about additional closing hours for the Library System. Mayor Schneider expressed the public's concern as well as that of Council.

Introduction of new Library Services Manager

Scott Love, the newly appointed Library Services Manager was introduced to the Board.

Library Plaza Project

A new Project Manager was assigned for the Redevelopment Agency. During this transition there have been no new actions to report. The first assignment for the Project Manager will be to schedule the Stakeholders Meetings.

Election of new Chair and Vice Chair

Election of New Chair and Vice Chair was held. Through a unanimous decision, Eric Friedman will remain in the position of Chair and Cathy Radecki-Bush as Vice Chair.

Budget Update

State funding for public libraries has been recommended for elimination in the Governor's budget. There is a possibility that it could be partially restored. The Budget Bill now includes a percentage of restoration. The Public Library Fund (PLF) would put back approximately 25% or \$7,500.00 out of the original \$30,000.00 for Central and Eastside libraries. The State contributes to the Black Gold Cooperative Library System and that money is also in jeopardy.. The amounts will not be known until the State and County pass their budgets. Black Gold is currently slated to use \$200,000 if reserves next year.

Recommendation to Increase Hold Fee

Library Director Macias asked the board members for recommendation to increase the hold fees from fifty cents to one dollar. Held items in the library collection are currently seven percent of the circulation. There was a unanimous decision to recommend to the City Council that they increase the hold fee from 50 cents to one dollar.

Library Department Budget Hearing

The Library Department Budget Hearing will be held May 2nd.

Adopt a Magazine Program

Although the library desires to put the Adopt A Magazine program on its web page, and give donators the opportunity to pay online, it is not currently possible or an immediate option to have the program on the library web site. To have the ability for the public to make selections for donation and to pay online, the Friends of the Library have been asked about the possibility of putting this on their web site. Preliminary research showed that with certain caveats, it can be done. Board members will be researching further, in order to have the option to donate online.

Discussion of Proposed Legislation AB438

State Assembly Member, Das Williams has sponsored the proposed legislation AB438. This requires that voters be asked to vote approval for privatizing a public library when a City withdraws from a County library system. Some cities have recently contracted for a private company to provide management libraries in the State have recently been privatized.

Library Director's Report

This year's Santa Barbara Reads joint venture with UCSB has now concluded. This was a very successful program, with various community conversations as well as an event at Campbell Hall with the author.

The Friends of the Santa Barbara Public Library received a grant for \$3,000 which will be given to the Library to fund cultural programs such as storytellers, dance and theatre.

The Library Adult Literacy Coordinator has just held a Volunteer Training session. With an overwhelming response, forty volunteers completed the nine hour course.

The Dyslexia and Research Award Committee recognized the Library for extraordinary efforts in addressing Dyslexia and literacy issues.