

Santa Barbara Public Library System  
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 9, 2011 held at Central Library

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Dorothy Brilliant

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Irene Macias, Library Director  
Roger Hiles, Library Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the Townley Room  
at 3:00 p.m. on June 09, 2011

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: April 14, 2011 minutes were approved with one  
modification.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next regular meeting will be July 14, 2011 at 3:00 pm in  
the Faulkner Gallery, East.

***Modification to Minutes from May 2011***

The Board of Directors sent a letter to City Council to state a position on proposed legislation of AB438. To clarify, the Board sent a recommendation of no position.

***Library Plaza Project***

The Redevelopment Agency met on June 9 and once again voted to approve the Library Plaza Project as recommended by staff. Library Services Manager, Roger Hiles, had drafted a request for additional funds for the Children's area and the upper areas. Both projects were approved.

### ***Budget Update***

It is expected that the City Council will approve the Library Department's proposed budget, including the recommended increase of the hold fees from fifty cents to one dollar. The book budget for the City libraries will be reduced from the current year amount of \$330,000 to \$267,000 due to loss of State and County funding. In addition, some library hours will be changed, Carpinteria Library hours will be reduced from 38 hours to 26 hours. Montecito Library will also reduce open hours from forty eight to forty five.

The Library Board will make a recommendation that they support the budget as presented. They will also request the Eastside Library to have afternoon open hours to accommodate the many children and students.

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

The Friends of the Library have hired a fundraising consultant to conduct a feasibility study in advance of a fundraising campaign for the children's library and the greater Central Library renovation project. A Task Force has been formed to approve the study methodology and provide expert advice to Whaley LeVay. The consultant group met on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss options and feasibility of the project.

Painting and carpeting of the upper level of the Central Library will begin next week. The Reference desk and Administration will be temporarily moved to another area of the library. The project should be complete within three weeks.