

Santa Barbara Public Library System
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of October, 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
Roger Hiles, Library Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the Townley Room at
3:00 p.m. on October 13, 2011

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: September 8, 2011 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The December 8, 2011 meeting has been cancelled.

The next regular meeting will be January 12, 2011 at 3:00
pm in the Faulkner Gallery, East.

Library Plaza Project

The project team for the Library Plaza Project met to do a thorough review of the concept design as presented by the architect, Campbell & Campbell, and to agree to any last minute changes to the final design concept for submission to the Street Tree Advisory Committee, the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Historic Landmarks Commission.

The current plan incorporates feedback from the most recent public meeting. The concept design does call for the removal of some trees, requiring that the plan be reviewed by the Street Tree Advisory Committee. The meetings are all scheduled for the month of November. Director Macias will send board members the dates.

It is the Boards consensus that the public space be maximized and that some trees be removed due to maintenance and safety issues, and to accommodate the design. They also felt that the design should compliment other city designs, so that it will not only be viewed as the “Library”, but as part of the “Cultural Arts District.”

Library Board or Directors Meeting Schedule

It was decided that the December 8th Library Board of Directors meeting will be cancelled. A new meeting schedule will be reviewed and agreed upon at the November Board meeting.

Library Director's Report

On November 1st, the Children's Library Project will be presented to City Council for approval of final design.

The new self-check machines have arrived. The "go live" date has been delayed due to a software issue. The company that the library contracted with, Bibliotheca, was purchased by a competitor, shortly after the contract was signed. The new company, Bibliotheca-ITG has not received certification for PCI compliance for the new self check machines. Until they are able to do so, the library will not turn on the e-commerce feature. A new start date has been scheduled for November 4th.

Library Activities for October

Santa Barbara Art Association has chosen the Santa Barbara Public Library as the recipient of its annual benefit show. A private reception will be held on October 9th, at Gallery 113 in La Arcada Plaza. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Santa Barbara Public Library.

The fundraising consultant that was hired by the Friends of the Library has concluded its feasibility study for a capital campaign for the Central Library. A meeting of the task force that advised the consultant is scheduled for November 4th to present the results and receive feedback.