

Santa Barbara Public Library System  
Library Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 10, 2011 held at Central Library

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Roger Hiles, Library Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order in the West Faulkner  
Gallery at 3:00 p.m. on November 10, 2011.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: October 13, 2011 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The December Board meeting has been cancelled.  
  
The next regular meeting will be January 10, 2011 at 12:00  
p.m. in the West Faulkner Gallery.

***Library Plaza Project***

Roger Hiles shared the design concepts for the Library Plaza Project prepared by architects Campbell & Campbell. He described the concepts as essentially featuring a large flat, ADA-accessible space for programming, removal of a number of trees, preservation of the oak trees, a water feature in the center consisting of two layers, with a smaller pond pouring into a larger catch basin, and additional lighting.

Eric Friedman asked if the Library Plaza Project design concepts have gone before the Street Tree Advisory Committee. Roger confirmed that they had gone before the Committee previous week, and the feedback on removing the eucalyptus trees was mixed. He stated that the current design concepts would have to be changed if the eucalyptus trees are to be retained.

Roger informed the Library Board Members that the Library Plaza Project will go before the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, and before the Historic Landmarks Commission on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the David Gebhard Hearing Room on Garden Street. He expressed that Library Director Irene Macias invited and encouraged Board Members to attend these meetings.

The Board Members discussed the design concepts and the impact the retention of eucalyptus trees may have on them.

### ***Library Board Meeting Schedule***

Eric reminded the Board Members that the December Library Board Meeting was cancelled. The Board discussed an updated meeting schedule and decided to meet the second Tuesday of every month, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., with no meetings in the months of July and December.

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

Library Services Manager Roger Hiles reported that new self-check systems have gone in at the Central, Eastside and Goleta Libraries. He stated that they are working smoothly, although not all the promised features are working yet due to issues with the vendor, but that we are moving forward with the related security gates and the transition is otherwise running very smoothly.

Roger Hiles also reported that in regards to the Children's Library Project, there is an outstanding issue on the contract for the final design. No Council date has currently been set for approval of final design, and progress on the project is pending resolution of the contractual issue.

Roger stated that a milestone has been reached in regards to the fundraising campaign. The consultant report/feasibility study has been released to the task force. He provided the brief summary that indicated the Children's Library aspect has a lot of support and would be a successful campaign, but that fundraising for other upgrades and structural improvements to the building would be more challenging.

Dianne Duva mentioned that she is on the task force and that the library needs to do a lot more education within the community to have the community at large understand the need. She stated that two significant issues identified include the concern regarding the library being a governmental entity, and the public perception or questioning of the suitability of fundraising for a government entity, as well as the relevance of the library itself. She stated that the Children's Library is anticipated to have good support, and that raising the additional funds for improvements not related to the Children's Library Project may be a lengthier process. Dianne stated that in general the outlook is positive, and they are discussing hiring a fundraising consultant to ensure that we are proceeding as efficiently and intelligently as possible.

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

Roger reported on the following activities and achievements: the Central Library had a very successful book sale over the weekend, and raised almost \$7,000.00; the application for the Verizon Grant unfortunately was not successful; the Summer Reading Program was a success – 3700 children participated, including 250 teens, volunteer teens logged 500 hours of community service helping run the events, and children participated and read 46,245 books this summer.

Roger stated that the furlough closure will occur Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, but that the library would be open during the City furlough in December except for the holidays.

### ***Personnel Appointments/Staff Vacancies***

Roger announced that Rima Villarreal is the new Executive Assistant, and that we are in the process of hiring a Senior Library Technician to replace Oscar Flores, Youth Outreach and Teen Services Coordinator.

Dianne stated that if anyone would like to be involved in the fundraising committee, that they are looking for Committee members.

Eric stated that the next Library Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. in the Faulkner Gallery West.

Catherine Radecki-Bush moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Brilliant and carried unanimously by the remaining Board Members.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rima Villarreal.