



San José Public Library

COMMISSION MEETING
SYNOPSIS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Commissioner Candelas at the Dr. Roberto Cruz-Alum Rock Branch Library

Present: Vice Chair Commissioner Candelas, Commissioners Jean Lee, Harish Chinai, Caroline Martin, Bryan (Cong) Do, Catherine Graham, and Vincent Tarpey

Absent: Commissioners Donna Lydon, Mike Nguyen

Staff: Library Director Jane Light; Assistant Library Director Ned Himmel; Administrative Assistant Lucinda Norman

Others: Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, Council District 6; Council Assistant Lan Huong Tran, Silicon Valley Library System Advisory Board Member Judy Rookstool and one member of the public were present.

Branch Manager Judith Gregg led the Commission on a tour of the Dr. Roberto Cruz-Alum Rock branch.

NOTED: Commissioner Do arrived at 7:10pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Item 5f *Review of New Requirements for Commission* was deferred to the September 10, 2008 meeting. COMMISSIONER DO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTIN. ALL APPROVED (6-0, 2 ABSENT).

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. For approval: Synopsis of the June 11, 2008 meeting was approved as written
- b. Correspondence read and filed for public record – None

4. ORAL PETITIONS- None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Welcome New Commissioners** – Newly appointed Commissioner Harish Chinai and Commissioner Jean Lee were welcomed to the Commission. They spoke briefly of their interest in the San José Public Library and the Library Commission.

- b. **Appointment of Judy Rookstool to Silicon Valley Library System Advisory Board**- Director Light introduced Judy Rookstool, who is being recommended as the City's System Advisory Board (SAB) member for Silicon Valley Library System (SVLS) which is a co-operative system of Santa Clara county public libraries. The SAB is composed of one member of the public from each of the jurisdictions, of which San José Public is the largest. COMMISSIONER MARTIN MOVED TO APPOINT JUDY ROOKSTOOL AS SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER FOR SILICON VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHINAI. ALL APPROVED. (6-0, 2 ABSENT).
 - c. **San José Way Update including Customer Service Grants**- Division Manager Mary Nacu and Senior Librarian Ruth Barefoot provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission reporting on the unique efforts of the Library in areas of innovation and continuous improvement. The presentation included a review of the Principles that guide the strategies and improvements, some of the past successful efforts and the major projects for this year, including two Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) grants, some remodel projects and consulting services. Division Manager Nacu and Senior Librarian Barefoot responded to questions from the Commission.
 - d. **Quarterly Bond Update**- Library Deputy Director Rich Desmond reported the status of the branch Library Bond Projects. During the fourth quarter of FY 07-08 construction was completed on Joyce Ellington, Pearl Avenue and Willow Glen branches. Grand Opening dates for Pearl Avenue, August 9, 2008 and Willow Glen August 23, 2008. Design is ongoing for both Educational Park and Calabazas. Deputy Director Desmond provided a written report for the Commission to review. He responded to questions from the Commission.
 - e. **Advocacy Activities**- Commissioner Martin discussed potential opportunities for library advocacy. She announced the Mayor's Birthday Party for Literacy which will be held at the King Library, Friday, August 15, at 3:00pm.
5. COUNCIL LIAISON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Councilmember Oliverio clarified his memo presented at the June 17, 2008 City Council Budget meeting. The memo proposed the closure of the Willow Glen branch library on Mondays for a three-year period in order to partially fund the operating costs associated with the Fire Department Hose Wagon.
 6. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

7. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT – Directory Light announced the annual California Library Association (CLA) Conference, November 14 – 17, 2008, at the San José McEnery Convention Center, 150 West San Carlos St. The Internet Filtering item is tentatively set to be on the September 23, 2008 evening City Council session agenda.

8. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Friends Groups from Branches and Main Library – None
- b. San José Public Library Foundation Board –None
- c. Early Care and Education Commission – None
- d. Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners –
Commissioner Graham attended the All Friends meeting 6/21, Grand Opening of the Joyce Ellington branch 6/28, Pearl branch donor reception 8/7 and the Pearl branch Grand Opening 8/9;
Commissioner Martin attended the Bascom branch Groundbreaking 6/14, Parcel Tax and Bond Oversight Workshop 6/21, Joyce Ellington donor reception 6/26, Grand Opening of the Joyce Ellington branch 6/28, Pearl branch donor reception 8/7, Pearl branch Grand Opening 8/9;
Commissioner Tarpey the Bascom branch Groundbreaking 6/14, the Pearl branch Grand Opening 8/9, All Friends meeting at the Almaden branch 6/21, Joyce Ellington Grand Opening 6/28;

9. UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMISSION PARTICIPATION – Check website for list of upcoming opportunities.

- a. See SJPL Program Calendar at www.sjlibrary.org.
- b. San José Public Library Bond Projects update:
www.newsanJosélibraries.com.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDAS –

11. ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 p.m.

Jane Light, Secretary
San José Library Commission

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