



COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Commissioner Nguyen at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library.

Present: Commissioners Nguyen, Lydon, Lee, Martin, Chinai, Graham, Tarpey, Morrell and Hook

Absent: None

Staff: Library Director Jane Light; Acting Division Manager Molly Westmoreland; Senior Librarian Ruth Barefoot; and Administrative Assistant Lucinda Norman

Others: Two members of the public were present

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – For approval: The Commission approved the agenda with the following changes/additions: None

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

1) For approval: The Commission approved the June 8, 2009 minutes with the following changes/additions:

a. Item E.5 to read, *Action: Commissioner Lydon led a discussion on the possibility of a Commission Retreat in November.*

2) Correspondence read and filed for public record:

a. Letter from resident regarding programming in the Library.

D. OPEN FORUM- Wilma Hashii, Seventrees branch, Friends' President, announced activities going on with Pearl Avenue and Seventrees branch library.

E. COUNCIL LIAISON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS None

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1) San José Way Update including Grants –
Documents Filed: None

Action: The Commission accepted the San José Way Update and Grants report given by Division Manager Molly Westmoreland and Senior Librarian Ruth Barefoot.

2) Commission Retreat Planning –
Documents Filed: None

Action: After some discussion led by Chair Nguyen the Commission motioned for November 14, 2009 to be the date of the retreat.

- 3) Friends' Group and Bond Projects Assignments – Documents Filed: None.

Action: The Commission discussed and accepted assignments as Liaisons to Friends' Groups and Bond Projects.

- 4) Advocacy Activities – Documents Filed: *Queens Library FY 2010 Budget Advocacy Plan*.

Action: Commissioner Martin led a discussion on Library Advocacy activities.

G. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair Nguyen announced a website www.serve.gov developed by President Barack Obama to help promote public service. Congressman Mike Honda has filmed a video clip, on this site, supporting literacy and libraries.

H. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT – Director Light announced the upcoming All Friends' Meeting on September 19 at Evergreen branch; September 24, a Community Meeting will be held for the new South East branch library.

I. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Friends Groups from Branches and Main Library – Sept. 12, Friends' Book Sale at Edenvale branch; Sept. 19, All Friends' Meeting at Evergreen at 9:00am; November 14, Friends Essay Contest at Edenvale, a Commission member will assist in judging the essay contest
- 2) San José Public Library Foundation Board – Commissioner Martin announced August 26, East Carnegie Donor Reception and the unveiling of the Donor Wall at Pearl Ave. on August 30.
- 3) Early Care and Education Commission – Currently there are vacancies on this Board.
- 4) Silicon Valley Library System Advisory Board Member Report- None

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

- 1) Sept. 12, Friends' Book Sale at Edenvale branch
- 2) September 12, "Soul of a People: Writing America's Story" King Library will host a series of programs discussing the era that gave rise to the Federal Writer's Project and its parallels to modern times. Kick off begins at 12:00pm in room 225/229
- 3) September 19, All Friends' Meeting, 9:30 am at Evergreen branch
- 4) September 24, Community Meeting-South East Branch, 7:00 - 9:00pm at Evergreen branch
- 5) October 5, International Literacy Celebration from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at King Library, room 225/229

- 6) See SJPL Program Calendar at www.sjlibrary.org
San José Public Library Bond Projects update:
www.newsanjoselibraries.com

K. ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDAS –

- 1) 2010 Census and Library Involvement
- 2) University Board Liaison

L. ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 p.m.

Jane Light, Secretary
San José Library Commission

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