

LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2007  
SYNOPSIS

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Martin at the King Library.

Present: Chair Martin, Commissioners Karas, Tarpey, Nguyen, Candelas, Do and Lydon.

Absent: Commissioners Graham and Ramos.

Staff: Library Director Jane Light, Assistant Library Director Ned Himmel, Deputy Director Richard Desmond, Administrative Officer Chuck Griffen and Administrative Assistant Diane Longoria.

Others: Councilmember Oliverio, Council District 6, and twenty-four members from the public were present (sign-in sheet on file).

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – The agenda was approved as written.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. For approval: Synopses of the October 10 and November 7, 2007 meetings were approved as written with the exception of Commissioner Candelas who abstained the October 10 synopsis.

b. Correspondence read and filed for public record – 1) Resolution from the San José State University Academic Senate thanking the staff of the King Library for its hard work during recovery from the earthquake on October 30; 2) Newsletter from the Willow Glen Friends Group; 3) Newsletter from the Evergreen Friends Group.

4. ANNUAL LIBRARY BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING

a. Draft Annual Report. The annual report covers FY 2006/2007. Rich Desmond briefly reviewed with the Commission the Annual Library Oversight Committee report. As of June 2007, nine library projects (two new branch and seven expanded branches) are in design or construction and three new and six expanded branches have been completed. Rich responded to questions from the Commission.

b. Audit Results. Acting Deputy Finance Director Perry Carter spoke briefly about the audit results of the branch libraries bond projects for FY 2006/2007. There were no questions pertaining to the audit report.

c. Public Hearing. David Ginsborg, resident, asked if a summary or annual report could be written that lists the projects progress over a number of years. Rich responded to the speaker's questions.

d. Committee Discussion and Recommendation. The commission discussed the draft annual reports. Commissioners Graham and Candelas will serve as a subcommittee to prepare the final annual report for library bond projects. COMMISSIONER DO MOVED TO ACCEPT BOTH THE DRAFT FY 2006/2007 ANNUAL LIBRARY

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT AND THE DRAFT FY 2006/2007 ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE BRANCH LIBRARIES BOND PROJECTS FUND. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KARAS. ALL APPROVED.

5. LIBRARY PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT REVIEW COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC HEARING
  - a. Draft Annual Report. Jane briefly spoke about the draft annual 2006/2007 report on the library parcel tax. The library parcel tax funds supplement the general fund budget providing for the operational needs of the Library Department. It also supplements the fluctuating revenue from Library Construction and Conveyance Tax receipts for capital budget items including library materials and automation expenses.
  - b. Audit Results. The draft audit status report covers FY 2006/2007 of the library parcel tax. Acting Deputy Finance Director Perry Carter responded to questions from the Commission.
  - c. Public Hearing. No public comments.
  - d. Committee Discussion and Recommendation. The Commission discussed the draft annual reports. Commissioners Nguyen and Lydon agreed to serve as a subcommittee to prepare the final annual library parcel tax report.  
COMMISSIONER TARPEY MOVED TO ACCEPT BOTH THE DRAFT ANNUAL FY 2006/2007 REPORT OF THE LIBRARY PARCEL TAX AND THE DRAFT ANNUAL FY 2006/2007 AUDIT REPORT OF THE LIBRARY PARCEL TAX. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DO. ALL APPROVED.
6. ORAL PETITIONS – None.
7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Quarterly Bond update. Rich Desmond updated the Commission on the status of the library bond projects. During the first quarter FY 07/08, construction continued on the Joyce Ellington, Pearl Avenue, and Willow Glen branches and construction was completed on the Edenvale Branch Library. Edenvale's grand opening was held on November 3, 2007. The Bascom and the Seventrees branch projects go out to bid in the spring of 2008. Three brand new branches will open in 2008, Willow Glen, Joyce Ellington and Pearl Avenue. Staff will provide the next update to the Commission in February 2008. Rich responded to questions from the Commission.  
COMMISSIONER KARAS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON THE BRANCH BOND PROJECTS AS WRITTEN. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LYDON. ALL APPROVED.
  - b. Library Internet Access Policy
    1. Discussion of issues and materials distributed – The Commission heard comments from a total of 13 members of the public, all of whom spoke against Internet filtering. Those who spoke were Wilma Hashii, Seventrees Friends Group; Buu Thai, Public Affairs Director of Planned Parenthood; Tina Morrill, volunteer tutor

for Partners and Reading; Jay Laefer, Vice Chairman of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of American Civil Liberties Union; Mary Minow, Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the California Library Association; Armineh Noravian; Pia Moriarty, former Library Commissioner; Molly Westmoreland, Sr. Librarian at the Vineland Branch; Therese Wiese, President of the Pearl Avenue Friends Group; Reza Aznarmi; Sam McBane Mulford; Trixie Johnson, President of the West Valley Friends Group; and Marianne Messina. Jane reviewed some of the materials included in the Commission packet. Jane reviewed the process for staff's timeline for reporting back to Council in the policy review plan and workload estimate approved by the Rules Committee associated with an analysis of various options related to filtering Internet access at King Library and San Jose Public Library branches.

2. Plan for Commission recommendation regarding policy- The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the materials included in their packets. The Commission will address this item again at its February 14, 2008 meeting to review staff research and will then make a recommendation to the City Council. Jane responded to additional questions from the Commission.

c. Follow-up to Commission October Retreat topic: Advocacy

1. Identify next steps for Commission – Chair Martin spoke about the importance of advocacy, especially with regard to local government officials and school boards. She encouraged the Commissioners to get to know the Councilmembers in their district. Chair Martin made the following liaison appointments to each Council member. Commissioner Candelas will be liaison to Councilmembers Nguyen and Cortese; Commissioner Do will be liaison to Councilmember Chu; Commissioner Graham will be liaison to Councilmember Oliverio; Commissioner Karas will be liaison to Councilmember Williams; Commissioner Lydon will be liaison to Councilmember Constant; Chair Martin will be liaison to Councilmember Chirco and Mayor Reed; Commissioner Nguyen will be liaison to Councilmember Liccardo; Commissioner Ramos will be liaison to Councilmember Campos and Commissioner Tarpey will be liaison to Councilmember Pyle.
8. COUNCIL LIAISON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Councilmember Oliverio announced the following upcoming Council meetings – Mayor's Budget Shortfall Advisory Group meeting on 1/10 from 6pm-9pm and the Community Budget meeting on 1/19 from 9am-12pm at City Hall.
  9. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair Martin reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Carnegie Branch ground breaking on 12/10. Chair Martin announced that Jane Light won The Tribute to Women Awards (TWIN). It has long been considered one of Silicon Valley's most prestigious awards. The purpose of the Tribute to Women Awards Program is to honor women who exemplify excellence in executive-level positions and the companies who employ them. Jane will be awarded at the Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 15, 2008.

10. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT – Jane made the following announcements, 1/12 is the Santa Teresa ground breaking; 1/16 is the Mayor's State of the City Address and 1/28 is the next Educational Park Community meeting for the library design at 7pm.
  
11. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Friends Groups from Branches and Main Library – Commissioner Tarpey attended the All Friends meeting on 12/1, it was well attended.
  - b. San Jose Public Library Foundation Board – Chair Martin attended the Foundation meeting on 11/27.
  - c. Early Care and Education Commission – None.
  - d. Meetings Attended by Commissioners as Commissioners – Chair Martin attended the Vineland Friends meeting and book sales on 10/27; 11/13; 12/8. She met with Councilmember Pyle on 11/17; attended the San Jose Library Foundation meeting on 11/27; the donor reception at the Edenvale Branch on 10/30; attended the Doris Dillon dedication at Almaden on 11/17; attended the mock Council meeting on 12/1 and the Edenvale Branch grand opening on 11/3. Commissioner Tarpey attended the All Friends meeting on 12/1 and a book sale at the Cambrian Branch, Vineland Branch and Almaden Branch in November and attended the Edenvale Branch grand opening on 11/3. Commissioner Lydon corresponded with the West Valley Branch on 10/21 and attended the Edenvale Branch grand opening on 11/3. She attended the Library Commission Retreat on 10/16. Commissioner Candelas attended the Edenvale Branch grand opening on 11/3. Commissioner Karas attended the Edenvale Branch grand opening on 11/3; the Edenvale Branch donor reception on 10/30; media contact with the San Jose Mercury News on 12/6 and attended the mock Council meeting on 12/1. Commissioner Nguyen attended the Edenvale grand opening on 11/3; the Almaden Branch book sale on 11/3 and attended the mock Council meeting on 12/1. Commissioner Graham attended the San Jose Library Foundation meeting on 10/30. Commissioner Do attended the Berryessa Friends book sale and meeting in November; met with Councilmember Forrest in November; attended the Edenvale Branch grand opening on 11/3 and the East Carnegie Branch community meeting in September.
  
12. UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMISSION PARTICIPATION – Check website for list of upcoming opportunities. Chair Martin reviewed the list of upcoming events.
  
13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDAS – None.
  
14. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Jane Light, Secretary  
San Jose Library Commission

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