DRAFT MINUTES

SUNNYVALE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MARCH 5, 2012

The Board of Library Trustees met in regular session in the Library Program Room, 665 W. Olive Avenue at 7:00 p.m. with Jill Shanmugasundaram presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Present: Chair Jill Shanmugasundaram
Vice Chair Ray Su
Boardmember Narendra Pathak
Boardmember Tom Flaherty

Boardmembers Absent: Boardmember Judi Miller (excused)

Boardmember Flaherty moved, and Boardmember Pathak seconded, to excuse Boardmember Miller's absence from the March meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Liaison: Jim Griffith (present)

Staff Present: Lisa G. Rosenblum, Director of Library and Community Services
Christine Mendoza, Supervising Librarian
Steve Sloan, Administrative Librarian

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of 02/06/12

Boardmember Pathak moved, and Boardmember Flaherty seconded, approval of the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. National Library Week:
Supervising Librarian Mendoza noted that Sunday, April 8 through Saturday, April 14 is National Library Week. Activities for the week include: Celebrity Story Times, Meet the Board, Meet the Friends, Behind the Scene Tours and "Read" picture bookmarks. Mood pencils and bookmarks will be distributed throughout the week.

Chair Shanmugasundaram opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimonies, closed the public hearing.

3. Day in the District:
Director Rosenblum provided the Board an overview of the Day in the District event. Day in the District dates have yet to be finalized for this year. It is anticipated that the event will take place within the next month. Director Rosenblum will provide the Board with further information once made available.

Chair Shanmugasundaram opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimonies closed the public hearing.

4. Study Issues:
Director Rosenblum provided the Board with an overview of the Study Issues process and inquired if the Board would like to recommend a Study Issue for calendar year 2013. Boardmembers expressed their interest in focusing on the development of a new main library. Therefore, no study issues for calendar year 2013 were proposed by the Board at this time.

Chair Shanmugasundaram opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimonies closed the public hearing.

5. July 31 Study Session – Development of New Main Library:
Director Rosenblum noted that the Study Session scheduled for Tuesday, July 31 regarding development of a new main library was proposed during the ELT/Council Strategic Planning Workshop. The Study Session will consider building a new Main Library at the Community Center Campus. Discussion ensued regarding possible ballot measure, branch library, and Civic Center Campus Study. Overall the Board was supportive of this direction.

Chair Shanmugasundaram opened the public hearing

Kathy Broquard stated that she supports the proposal of a new library being located at the Community Center due to accessibility of the campus via public transportation. In addition, the campus offers numerous recreation activities, meeting rooms, and the Senior Center facility.

There being no additional public testimonies, Chair Shanmugasundaram closed the public hearing.

6. Microsoft Surface:
Administrative Librarian Sloan noted that the Library has acquired a Microsoft Surface which is a computer that accommodates up to 52 simultaneous touch inputs. The surface will be launched March 12 and will be placed in the Teen Area. The surface will allow teens to collaborate and interact with each other or group projects. This service is being provided by a Library Services and Technology Act grant. The Sunnyvale Public Library is the only library in California to have this device available to library customers and awarded by LSTA. Administrative Librarian Sloan provided the Board with a demo.

Chair Shanmugasundaram opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimonies closed the public hearing.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- FRIENDS OF THE SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ORAL COMMENTS
  President Kathy Broquard noted the following:
  - She provided an overview of the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners workshop she attended on Saturday, February 25 at the Walnut Creek Library. Discussion topics included library foundations and friends groups.
  - The next Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25, 2012. Boardmembers interested in volunteering at book sales should contact President Broquard via email/phone.

- BOARDMEMBERS ORAL COMMENTS
  Chair Shanmugasundaram and Boardmember Pathak provided the Board with an overview of the "Coffee with a Congressman" with Congressman Honda event they attended on Saturday, February 25.

  Boardmember Pathak complimented staff for their work with the [i]Cell display. He suggested that a block be designated to highlight City Council and Boardmembers/Commissioners.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS
  Director Rosenblum noted the following:
  - The Library was closed on Thursday, March 1 in order to install new replacement doors at the public entrance. Automated Materials Handling system maintenance also took place on that day.
  - Marilee Lazar will be honored at the 43rd annual Junior League Volunteer Luncheon on March 30 at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Marilee, one of the Library's most dedicated volunteers, was chosen as one of fourteen Crystal Bowl winners from among nearly 100 nominees by the Junior League of San Jose. The library nominated Marilee Lazar, who has coordinated our afterschool Homework Help Center, and has volunteered in the SOS program and numerous other projects.
  - On Sunday, February 12, 183 people attended soloist Arina Burceva's exceptional classical guitar program.
  - A Lawyers in the Library project provides library customers with answers to legal questions about patents, trademarks or copyrights through appointments for free legal counseling at the library. Intellectual property attorneys, who specialize in the area of patents, trademarks, or copyrights, are coming to the Library to volunteer their time on the last Tuesday of every month, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at least until June 2012. This service, focusing on intellectual property issues, may be the first of its kind in our area. The Library is working in partnership with Silicon Valley-based Pro Bono Project. The service is part of a project supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) through the California State Library.
  - The Library and Columbia Neighborhood Center co-sponsored a presentation by Francisco Jiménez, Professor of Modern Languages and Literature at Santa Clara University and author of prize-winning memoirs, *Breaking Through* and *The Circuit,* on February 7, 2012. The bi-lingual Spanish/English program at Columbia Middle School attracted 375 people. He urged the young people in the audience to take advantage of what their parents and grandparents had struggled so hard to give them: a better life through education. Fremont High School students were ushers and Fremont Vice Principal Karen van Putten took photographs. This was an excellent

collaborative community event with the Library, schools and Columbia Neighborhood Center.

- The Library hosted two important events with officials from the USPTO (United States Patent and Trademark Office) in Alexandria, VA. On Thursday, February 23, patent office officials were at the Library to conduct a "fee-setting hearing." The hearing gave members of the public a chance to weigh in on new fees for filing patent applications. On Friday, February 24, the patent office representatives discussed new rules stemming from the recent Leahy-Smith America Invents Act. Over 150 people took advantage of the USPTO events at Sunnyvale Library to learn about new changes to the patenting process, and to share their thoughts with leaders from the USPTO.
- On February 27, the Library was the site of a free tax filing event. On that night Intuit volunteers helped 85 people electronically file their taxes using TurboTax Freedom Edition.
- That same night, February 27th, the Library showed two films as part of the Silicon Valley/Sunnyvale Reads programs. *Talking through Walls* is a documentary that tells the story of a multi-religious coalition that facilitated the building of a mosque in their community. In *Allah Made Me Funny-Live in Concert,* three Muslim comedians reveal the humorous truth of what it is like to be Muslim in America.
- Author Sumbul Ali-Karamali will speak at the Library about her book, *The Muslim Next Door* on Saturday, March 17 at 3 p.m. *The Muslim Next Door* is a Silicon Valley/Sunnyvale Reads selection for 2012.
- Bob Kann celebrated the poetry of well-known humorous poet Shel Silverstein for children and their parents on February 23.
- March is Women's History Month. To celebrate, NASA and the SETI Institute in Mountain View are sponsoring an Astro4Girls and Their Families project at the Library to promote science education and careers. On Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m., NASA Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) Education Program Manager, Pam Harman, will demonstrate and lead hands-on activities about the electromagnetic spectrum and the universe for ages 10 and up. On Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m., Dr. Pamela Marcum, SOFIA Project Scientist will explain the benefits of infrared astronomy and how the new NASA mission, SOFIA, will contribute to infrared research for students and adults.
- The finale to the Library's Civil War Sesquicentennial programs will include speakers on Santa Clara County connections to the Civil War on Wednesday, March 7th at 7 p.m. Local historian Jean Libby will present a history of abolitionist John Brown's family in Santa Clara Valley during and after the Civil War. The role of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in San Jose with the Underground Railroad during the Civil War will be discussed by African American historian John W. Templeton, and Bill Noyes of SBCWRT (South Bay Civil War Round Table) will present *The Lincoln Writ* by R. Larry Comstock.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Library Program Room.
- News articles were distributed.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa G. Rosenblum
Director of Library and Community Services