



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MARCH 7, 2011

The Board of Library Trustees met in regular session in the Library Program Room, 665 West Olive Avenue at 7:04 p.m. with Ray Su presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Ray Su
Boardmember Narendra Pathak
Boardmember Jill Shanmugasundaram

ABSENT: Vice Chair Tom Flaherty
Boardmember Judi Miller (unexcused)

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa G. Rosenblum, Library Director

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

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Boardmember Pathak presented the Library with a book donation in memory of Mr. J.C. Brahmbhatt. The book was donated by Mr. Brahmbhatt's family.

Boardmember Pathak provided an overview of the Republic Day Celebration he attended on Sunday, January 30, 2011.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1) Approval of Draft Minutes of 01/03/11
- 2) Approval of Draft Minutes of 02/12/11

Boardmember Pathak requested that item 1 be pulled from the Consent Calendar and be considered separately.

Boardmember Pathak offered an amendment to revise the minutes of January 3, 2011 to reflect Chair Su opening the public hearing for items 2, 3 and 4.

Boardmember Pathak moved, and Boardmember Shanmugasundaram seconded, approval of item 1 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Boardmember Pathak moved, and Boardmember Shanmugasundaram seconded, approval of item 2 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS:

3. Possible Effect of California State Budget Proposals on Library Services:

Director Rosenblum provided the Board with an overview on the status of the State budget. The Governor's January budget proposal included elimination of Public Library Foundation (PLF), California Library Services Act (CLSA), and the California Library Literacy Services Program. Fortunately, the current proposal is for CLSA to be funded at \$8.5M; PLF at \$3M and the State literacy program at \$3.7M. However, this is subject to change.

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

4. Review of February Day in the District:

Director Rosenblum noted that she and Chair Su met with Assembly Member Paul Fong on Friday, February 4 as part of the Day in the District event. An overview of the meeting with Assembly Member Paul Fong was provided.

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

5. Study Issues:

Library Director Rosenblum provided the Board with an overview of the study issues process. Discussion ensued regarding a Library renovation study issue. No study issues for calendar year 2012 were proposed by the Board at this time.

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

6. National Library Week:

Director Rosenblum noted that Sunday, April 10 through Saturday, April 16 is National Library Week. Library staff will be requesting patrons record, with a Flip camera, a 5-10 second response as to why they like the Library. Additional activities include "Celebrity Storytime", treats and a digital story presentation to Council at their Tuesday, March 29 meeting. Boardmembers were asked to participate in the celebration of National Library Week by greeting patrons as they enter the library. Boardmembers signed up for two-hour time slots during the week to greet patrons.

Chair Su 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:

- Peets Coffee and Tea donated approximately \$500 to the Friends.
- The next book sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27 at the Library.

- BOARDMEMBERS ORAL COMMENTS

Boardmember Pathak thanked staff for providing the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners (CALTAC) board effectiveness training on Saturday, February 12.

Chair Su provided an overview of the CALTAC *Strong Library Communities – Making It Work In Your Hometown* workshop he attended on Saturday, February 26 at the Milpitas Public Library.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

Library Director Rosenblum noted the following:

- As part of budget cuts, San Jose Public Library is proposing that their branch libraries be open only three days a week.
- Patrons are now able to use the Technology Center Internet computers for 90 minutes daily. This is an increase from 75 minutes. In addition, patrons will be offered a one time extension of 30 minutes if there are a minimum of 5 available computers.
- There is a new look to the online calendar for upcoming adult, teen and children's events on the Library's website. The public can now view library events from the Library's calendar, or from the City's community events calendar.
- Jason Raquinio, formerly Library Specialist III, was hired to fill the vacant Library Assistant position in the Circulation Division. He started today in his new position.
- Sunnyvale/Silicon Valley Reads author Michelle Richmond talked about her San Francisco-based novel, *The Year of Fog*, at the Library on Sunday, February 27. The audience asked several questions about the development of the story of a young girl who disappeared from a San Francisco beach, in the blink of an eye, and the agonizing search for her.
- Children's staff is partnering with the Community Services Department's Recreation division by presenting storytimes and talking about the Library at preschool classes that take place in Sunnyvale parks.
- The Community Services Department needed a place to park the Fun on the Run truck as they could no longer do so at Public Safety, so the Library offered the old Bookmobile site. Staff is looking into possible opportunities for the Library to partner with CSD and Fun on the Run.
- JoAnn Rees, Children's/Teen librarian, was one of several celebrity readers who read to students in classrooms at Columbia Middle School (CMS), as part of Read Across America, a nationwide reading campaign of the National Education Association (NEA). She also set up a Library table at CMS Literacy Night, another event in a week of reading-related activities at CMS.
- Bookswaps, online research, new library cards, up-dates on the latest Library programs for teens- all of these activities are offered at high schools and middle schools in Sunnyvale by Sunnyvale Public Library's Lunchtime Librarian program. On a regular basis, a librarian visits schools and assists students with finding books and information that they need for school reports. At the first visit to Sunnyvale Middle School, the librarian talked to 65 students and traded at least 40 books. The Friends of the Sunnyvale Library support this effort by supplying books for trading.
- Twenty-five 7th and 8th graders from Christa McAuliffe School in Saratoga, visited the library to explore the Visions of the Universe Exhibit in the Library's lobby as a follow-up to the Astronomy Camp that they attended in Southern CA. Students were required to make up questions based on the Exhibit and then find the answers on the display.

- Joan Jackson gave a Black History Month presentation to 87 4th graders at Sunnyvale's Ellis Elementary School. She emphasized the importance of students learning about their own heritage, and that of others.
- Toddler Time parents and children (over 90 in attendance) listened to a reading of the book POUCH by David Ezra Stein, which talks about a baby kangaroo who is learning when it is safe to leave the pouch. Santa Clara County's First Five staff gave parents a copy of the book, discussed "stranger danger" with them, and also explained the many services which are available to parents of children under five. The program was a collaboration between First Five, which sponsors some essential services for children under five years of age, and Library staff that benefited children and parents.
- Music CDs, and board books are now considered a browsing collection, like feature DVDs. As such, materials in all of these categories cannot be renewed. This change allows more people to use these popular collections.
- Patrons can now use the Adult Technology Center Internet computers, including the two ADA computers, for 90 minutes daily, an increase from 75 minutes. Patrons using the five Express computers now have a 30 minutes session, instead of 15 minutes. In addition, patrons using the Adult Internet computers will be offered a one time extension of 30 minutes when 5 minutes of session time remains, if there are a minimum of 5 available computers. These changes will maximize the use of our public Internet access computers.
- Over the years, the Sunnyvale Public Library has partnered on numerous occasions with the NOVA CONNECT! Job Seeker Center in order to better serve the needs of local job seekers. Recently, Joan Jackson was asked to teach a popular small business-related class, *Basic Small Business Resources*, for the CONNECT! job seeker community to augment their existing programs. She has agreed to offer this class for Connect on an on-going monthly basis.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. in the Library Program Room.
- News article was distributed.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa G. Rosenblum
Director of Libraries