



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES July 2, 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 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Liaison: Chris Moylan (absent)

Staff Present: Lisa G. Rosenblum, Director of Library and Community Services

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of 05/21/12

Boardmember Pathak moved, and Vice Chair Su seconded, approval of the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried 3-1 with Boardmember Flaherty abstaining due to his absence from the May meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. New Member Orientation:

Chair Shanmugasundaram informed the Board that there are no new boardmembers and that the Board currently has one vacancy. Director Rosenblum provided the Board with an overview of the Board/Commission application process.

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

3. Update on July 31 Study Session:

Director Rosenblum informed the Board that the July 31 Joint Study Session has been moved from the West Conference Room to the Library Program Room and is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Director Rosenblum provided the Board with an overview of the Study Session process.

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. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Nominations were opened for Chair to the Board of Library Trustees. Boardmember Pathak nominated Chair Shanmugasundaram who accepted the nomination.

Boardmember Pathak nominated Chair Shanmugasundaram to serve a one year term as Chair. Vote passes 4-0.

Nominations were opened for Vice Chair to the Board of Library Trustees. Boardmember Pathak nominated Vice Chair Su who accepted the nomination.

Boardmember Pathak nominated Vice Chair Su to serve a one year term as Vice Chair. Vote passes 4-0.

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:

- The next Friends Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22. Boardmembers interested in volunteering at book sales should contact the Friends group via the Friends website.

• **BOARDMEMBERS ORAL COMMENTS**

Boardmember Pathak provided the Board with an overview of the Gujarat Day Celebration he attended on June 1.

• **STAFF ORAL COMMENTS**

Director Rosenblum noted the following:

- The United States Patent and Trademark Office announced they will be opening a regional office in San Jose.

- As a result of the increasing number of people riding their bicycles to the Library, Library and Parks staff agreed to install two new bike racks on the Library plaza.
- Celebrity storytellers/Children's librarians shared stories and activities at Washington, Ortega, Las Palmas, and Serra Parks, and will continue to visit the City camps in the parks throughout the summer.
- Children's librarians brought bags of "honor" books to the Sunnyvale School District Summer Schools, so that classroom teachers have books to lend to students.
- A bilingual Children's librarian is offering storytimes for pre-readers at Fairwood Elementary on Thursday mornings during Summer School, with Opening Doors, a bilingual parenting workshop sponsored by First Five.
- Children's and teen programs that are scheduled for summer include: well-known singers for young children, puppeteers, a juggler, a ventriloquist, wild animals, a Monopoly tournament, a life-sized Candyland game, a workshop on drawing webcomics, and a teen chocolate extravaganza.
- As part of Sunnyvale's Centennial celebration, on 6/16/12 Mary Jo Ignoffo, author of Sunnyvale: from the City of Destiny to the Heart of Silicon Valley and Captive of the Labyrinth: Sarah L. Winchester, Heiress to the Rifle Fortune, showed photographs and described events in Sunnyvale and surrounding areas circa 1912.
- On 6/20/12, Al Alcorn, an early, influential, Atari engineer who invented the popular electronic game Pong, told a crowd of over 100 engineers, digital game enthusiasts, former Atari employees, young entrepreneurs and the curious about the beginning of Atari in Sunnyvale in the 1970s. Al's program was also part of Sunnyvale's Centennial celebration.
- On 6/12/12, a panel of four Japanese internment camp survivors discussed their experiences while incarcerated in different camps during WWII. Laura Nakanishi, former Sunnyvale Library Adult Reference Librarian; Laura's sister, Amy Naito; Amy Imai; and Jimi Yamaichi recounted being ousted from their homes and taken to barren, isolated places in the United States. They talked to an audience of 114 of their activities in the camps and difficulties with prejudice after they were released. This program was part of the Cal Humanities/California Center for the Book/California State Library funded CA Reads series.
- Podcasts of past programs: CA Reads series, Centennial programs and others were recorded and are available from the Library's website.
- Public domain EPUB eBooks are now available from the Library's Overdrive page. More than 34,000 titles, that never expire, are ready to read electronically.
- About 55 people attended Ha Jin's Nanjing Requiem Chinese book discussion event held on 6/3/12. The discussion was led by Fennah Chou, a popular local writer, and was followed by discussions among the participants. This event was reported on KTSF Channel 26's Chinese Evening News and the World Journal newspaper.
- More than 600 people gathered on the Library Plaza on 6/5/12 to view the transit of Venus across the face of the Sun through telescopes. Amateur astronomer and frequent speaker, Eric Norris and volunteer Paul Nowicki brought telescopes and helped adults, teens and children to see the once in a century event. This was an unexpectedly huge crowd for a rare event.
- The new FY 2012/2013 City Budget adopted by the Council, which started on 7/1/12, brings the following changes for the Library: the Library will be open on Thursday evenings between 6 and 9 p.m. with limited service, sixty thousand dollars from an unfilled librarian vacancy will give a temporary boost to material acquisitions, the daily overdue fine for Feature DVDs/Blu-rays will become \$0.30 per day instead of \$1 per day and the Library will purchase and lend eReader devices with pre-loaded eBook titles, through a grant from the Satterberg Foundation. This will not start until later this

summer, but the overdue fine of \$5/day up to a maximum of \$25 is included in the revised fee schedule/welcome brochure. The replacement cost for a lost or damaged eReader is \$250.

- As of 6/22/12, 2129 people registered to participate in Sunnyvale Public Library's Summer Reading programs (1312 children, 389 teens, 428 adults). All sign-ups are electronic this year through www.sunnyvalereads.org
- Sunnyvale Public Library will be introducing the Discover & Go Museum Pass program later this month for Library cardholders. Through this program, families can print free admission vouchers online for many museums in the Bay area. Some of the participating museums include: The Exploratorium, Oakland Aviation Museum, Tech Museum of Innovation, Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, and the Lawrence Hall of Science.
- Report to Council: Appropriation of \$6,000 of Satterberg Foundation Grant Funds and Approval of Budget Modification No. 1 will go to Council on 7/31/12. If Council approves, staff will purchase eReaders to circulate to the public.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 6 at 7 p.m. in the Library Program Room.
- News articles were distributed.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa G. Rosenblum
Director of Library and Community Services