



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 6, 2004
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Thurber called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Thurber, and Commissioners Gerich, Iskow, Johnson, McNulty Winkler and Dr. Takle Quinn
Also Present: County Librarian Melinda Cervantes and City of Los Altos Liaison Donna Legge. Donna Drako from the Friends of the Library

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MOVED that the minutes of April 6, 2004 be approved as amended. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ISKOW AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Amendment to Sarah Flowers, Deputy County Librarian Report - Sarah announced that the Santa Clara Library System anticipates a [dollar sign added] \$3.6 million loss from the State budget.

Amendment to LALE Report - Several family fund donations have been made to LALE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Clifford: P.O. Box 1793, Los Altos – Spoke regarding the time management software and internet access.

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian

Cheryl announced upcoming May events and library attractions and shared various April activities. Cheryl announced that the program room capacity is being researched. A page was hired at the Woodland Library. Over 130 people attended the LALE event as part of a National Library Week.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

Melinda announced that the library budget information will be available soon. The county is not filling current staff vacancies. 34% of the budget is materials and books. The Library JPA will be

conducting community level discussions related to operating hours that will be reduced as a result of the budget cuts. A special election may be considered for June 2005 that will require \$300,000 to be raised by January 2005.

Donna Drako, Friends of the Library

Donna announced that the Used Book Sale in May was the largest spring sale with revenue totaling \$17,000.

BUSINESS

Peace Pole Sculpture

Staff reported that the Peace Pole had been installed and that the Los Altos Voices for Peace plan to coordinate a dedication on the day of the Community Picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 29, 2004.

Untitled #28

The Public Sculpture Committee had requested that the Library Commission provide input regarding the proposal to replace the "Mother and Child" sculpture, with "Untitled #28" at the back of the library. The Commission was in support of the sculpture.

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Iskow recommended that the Commission consider posting pictures of the Library Commissioners in the Library.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Donna Legge, Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission