



## LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

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Regular Meeting of Tuesday, July 5, 2005  
Los Altos Main Library  
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

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### ROLL CALL

Chairperson Gerich called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

Present: Chair Gerich, Vice Chair, Poulos, Commissioners, Thurber, Tucker, Smith, Johnson and Dr. Takle Quinn

Absent: Commissioner Thurber

Also Present: Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian; Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian; Citizens, Stan Morest and Bob Clifford; City Staff Liaison, Peggy Ford.

### MINUTES

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MOVED that the minutes of June 5, 2005 be approved with corrections. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAKLE QUINN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Clifford spoke to the Commission concerning three items that he feels strongly about. 1) Concerns and questions regarding hours to be restored to the library operation. 2) His opposition to the installation of the new Time Management System at the Los Altos Library and 3) County vs city library system. Mr. Clifford would like to have the Library put off implementation of the time Management System until it has been further explored. He would also like to see Library hours of operation fully restored to what they were prior to the most recent cutbacks.

Stan Morest echoes Bob Clifford's comments regarding the Time Management System. He is opposed to it. It seems that the Time Management System won't last if Wireless ability is on the horizon for the Library. It seems that dollars put into the Time Management System will be wasted once wireless capabilities go into affect.

### REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian

Cheryl Houts is on vacation, but Cynthia Wilson spoke on Cheryl's behalf regarding programming and events taking place at the Los Altos Libraries. Measure A has enabled the Library to finally begin hiring. The summer reading program is in full swing. Over 735 readers and 98 read to me participants with another 104 teens have participated in the community as well. There will be a special Harry Potter reading program later in July. NCLA met and confirmed the libraries' schedules for the coming year: 58 hours at Los Altos Main Library and 32 at Woodland Branch Library (not open on Mondays). They also confirmed their contribution of \$65,000 to the Los Altos materials budget.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

Melinda spoke regarding the many different technological advances that have been and will be implemented at the Library. She also interpreted to the Commission her perception that both the Time Management System and the wireless advances will most likely never completely fill the needs of citizens that visit the Los Altos Library for Internet access.

Dr. Karen Takle Quinn, LALE

Dr. Takle Quinn reported that LALE has gone through a checklist on all projects that proved to be very effective. They also closed out some projects.

Dr. Karen Takle Quinn and Nancy Tucker, Education Information

On August 27th from 9am to noon at the main Library small conference room, all Library Commissioners will attend a training specifically for commissioners. It is a professionally developed program about why Library Commissioners exist.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

No new information to report. Next book sale is scheduled for September 9, 10 and 11, 2005 at the Hillview Community Center.

**BUSINESS**

1. Booth at Community Picnic
2. JPA Meeting / Election Results
3. Library Commission Funds

Nothing new to report. Commission read letters regarding fundraising for survey to be conducted. Will discuss at July's meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Set August 2nd Agenda**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Peggy Ford, Recreation Supervisor  
Liaison to the Library Commission

