



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 7, 2009
5:30p.m., Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Lai called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

Present: Chairperson Lai; Commissioners Struthers, Poulos, Tucker, Smith, Gerich and Suelzle

Absent: Commissioner Poulos

Also Present: Peggy Ford; City Staff Liaison, Melinda Cervantes; County Librarian, Paul Miller; Community Librarian

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER TUCKER MOVED that the minutes of March 3, 2009 be approved. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRUTHERS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

Paul Miller, Community Librarian

An 18-inch water main broke on March 22 a hundred yards uphill from the Woodland Branch, bringing a acre-foot of water the library's way. Quick work by neighbors, California Water Service, and the City of Los Altos resulted in the library's entrances to be sandbagged before the water reached them. The water did reach them, angrily lapped at them, but the library remained dry.



I went with the bookmobile to the two Los Altos stops, which happen to be senior residences. There I saw good ol' fashioned person-to-person library service practiced as it's supposed to be. Karen Apland and Amytha Willard know everyone by name, know their interests, discuss their reading, and send users on their way, more informed and happy than they were when they walked in. I vicariously enjoyed the gratification no felt, no doubt, by these two.

Architect John Miller, hired by the City of Los Altos, has been discussing with the City and SCCL his plans for Woodland Branch's new exterior. If the city council approves his designs and cost estimates in April, the project will be put to bid and Woodland will likely be closed for 3 to 4 months beginning sometime this summer.

Notable programs planned for April include:

Meet the Press: Perspectives and Innovations in International Journalism on April 22, 7-9 pm. Journalists from NPR, Frontline Magazine, the Associated Press, and Brazil will take part.

Los Altos Library Endowment Presents Cara Black on Friday, April 17, 4-5:30. Autographed books will be available.

Diane Gordon, Meaning in Retirement: Elders as Earth Advocates on April 14, 1-2:30.

Spring Into a Good Book Club for 4th Through 6th Graders on Wednesday, April 8, at 4 pm.

Save a Quarter~Save the Earth@Los Altos Library on April 15, 3:30 pm.

Come Celebrate Poetry at Los Altos Library on April 22, 3:30 pm, a school age program for K and up.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

Library Commissioners Report

Santa Clara County Library

April 2009

- On March 24, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors appointed Nils Peterson as County Poet Laureate. A reception for Mr. Peterson will be hosted by the Friends of the Saratoga Libraries on April 14th at 5:30pm in the Saratoga Library Community Room. The County Library is a co-sponsor with the County Board of Supervisors and Arts Council Silicon Valley.
- The CLA/CSLA Library Legislative Day in Sacramento is scheduled for Wed., April 15 beginning at 8:15am. Appointments for local legislators can be found on the CLA website, cla-net.org. If interested in joining staff and JPA members at this event, please contact Cynthia Garcia.
- The SVLS/PLS/BALIS Legislative Issues Breakfast will take place on Saturday, April 25 at the Stanford Park Hotel beginning at 8:30am. Invitations will be mailed this week.

Friends of the Library

Commissioner Suelzle reported that the next book sale is scheduled for May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. There has been an increase in advertising for book sales as well as a large increase in volunteers to the Friends of the Library due to the new Web Site.

Commissioner Smith, LALE

The Teaching Company DVD's have been ordered. Speaking volumes author is Cara Black. Cara Black writes mystery stories that take place in France.

JPA Meeting

The next meeting of the JPA Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 23 at 1:30pm. The Board will consider the FY 2010 Budget for the Library.

NCLA

Commissioner Lai reported that NCLA members communicated the need to get the parcel tax renewed in order to continue current services and circulation at the Library. Commissioner Lai also discussed the need to fund a new library as apposed to funding an addition to the Library. Commissioners agreed to support the idea of a new library as well with the following motion:

COMMISSIONER SUELZLE MOVED to authorize Commissioner Lai to inform NCLA that the Library Commission does not favor an expansion of the library instead of the building of a new one, since an expansion without rebuilding would not meet the needs outlined in the needs assessment for current and near future needs. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GERICH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

2. Cal Tac Training Feed Back
Commissioner Smith attended the Cal Tac training and reported to Commission about sessions she attended which focused on Libraries of the future and trends toward future needs of library customers.
3. Update/Discussion of Community Center Master Plan
Commission discussed upcoming meetings taking place regarding the Community Center Master Plan and the potential of creating a building program for the Library. Cost for a building program of the library would range between \$30,000 and \$50,000 to fund.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED that the Council ask JPA representatives to use Whipple bequest to fund the development for a building program and schematic design of the Library. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GERICH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

4. Major Contributors

Commissioner Suelzle reported that Friends of the Library volunteers, Danielle Maddox and Joan Pampeyan will join committee to look at how to recognize major contributors to the Library.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set May 5th Meeting Agenda

ADJOURNMENT – 7:25p.m.

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