



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 2nd, 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 5:00pm

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

Absent:

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

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER GERICH MOVED that the minutes of May 5th, 2009 be approved. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRUTHERS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

On March 24, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors appointed Nils Peterson as county Poet Laureate. Poet Laureate events will be held at the Los Altos Library and the Morgan Hill Library in the fall. The County Library is a co-sponsor with the County board of Supervisors and Arts Council Silicon Valley.

The Governor has announced he will suspend Proposition 1A and will borrow from local governments. The Library could lose up to 8% in annual property tax revenue, or \$1.8 million. It is not known at this time whether there will be additional cuts to state funding for public libraries.

Major projects beginning in FY2010 supporting the goals of the Library Strategic Plan include migration to RFID technology to enhance public services, moving the Gilroy Library to a temporary

facility while a new 53,500 square foot Gilroy Library is under construction, remodeling the Woodland Branch Library in Los Altos and conduct a survey of non-users of the Library.

Derek Wolfram, the newly appointed Deputy County Librarian/Public Services joined the Library staff on Monday June 1.

The next meeting of the JPA Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 4 at 1:30pm. The Board will adopt the FY2010 budget for the Library.

Paul Miller, Community Librarian

Woodland Library will begin construction towards the end of August or early September. Materials from the Teaching Company are beginning to come in and 50% are already reserved. The next project for LALE is Classical Music purchases for the Library collection. The Poet Laureate performance will be held in the evening on September 18. LALE will be supporting the event.

Friends of the Library

Along with the four major book sales the Friends conduct during the year, the Friends have several activities that are ongoing year round which has brought in a total of about \$41,083.

NCLA

The current parcel tax contributes \$52 per parcel to the library. NCLA will use Godbe polling data to determine the size of the parcel tax renewal, the timing of the election (November 09; June 2010 or November 2010); and whether to include an escalation factor. The next NCLA meeting will take place at 5:45pm on June 30, 2009. Godbe will report on their polling data.

BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

2. Update/Discussion of Community Center Master Plan

Commissioner Tucker discussed options for Master Plan i.e., parking, locations, updates with rest of Commissioners. Commissioners agreed that they want to recommend to Council and Community Advisory group to put the library in Phase 2 of Master Plan prior to demo of the Hillview Community Center in order to house the temporary Library at Hillview during construction.

COMMISSIONER STRUTHERS MOVED that the Library Commission recommend to City Council and Community Advisory group to put Library into Phase 2 of the Master Plan in order to house the Library at the Hillview Community Center temporarily during construction.. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POULOS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

3. Major Contributors

The goal of the committee is to honor those in the Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Community who have made major contributions to the Los Altos Libraries. Contributions could be financial and/or a significant investment of time that has benefitted the library in a substantial way. Members of the committee include the Friends of the Library members: Danielle Maddox and Joan Pampeyan; LALE representatives: Kristine Salmon and Lenelle Smith and the Library Commission

members: Darwin Poulos and Nancy Tucker. The first meeting will take place on June 19th.

4. Los Altos Hills Picnic – June 7th
Discussed plans for volunteering at the Los Altos Hills annual picnic.
5. Library Issues Breakfast Report
Commissioners Struthers, Tucker, Poulos, Smith and Suelzle attended the Breakfast Meeting and debriefed the Commission on meeting highlights.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set July 7th Meeting Agenda

ADJOURNMENT – 7:30p.m.

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