



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 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 5:30pm

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

Absent:

Also Present: Peggy Ford; City Staff Liaison, Paul Miller, Community Librarian, Melinda Cervantes; County Librarian; Sarah Neeri; Teen Librarian and Cynthia Wilson; Adult Services Librarian

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER POULOS MOVED that the minutes of October 6th, 2009 be approved as is. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

The first installation for RFID is up and running at the Los Altos Library; as the pilot program for the district, feedback from staff and patrons will be invaluable to the success of the entire project.

The Annual Library Friends and Commissioners Forum will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 8:30-12:30pm at the Santa Clara County Library Administration Offices. Please save the date!

The next meeting of the Library JPA Board will be January 28 at 1:30pm at the Library Administration Offices, 14600 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos.

Paul Miller, Community Librarian

To address a concern about teen programming expressed by the City Council at the October 13 joint meeting, Paul asked Teen Librarian; Sarah Neeri to attend and report on various

programming for teens provided by the Los Altos Library. Currently, Sarah is concentrating on outreach to the high schools with book talks and other activities. She will continue to try programs that meet a specific need such as SAT preparation. Staff has met with the Youth Commission and has found out that teens feel over programmed; they expressed a need for a comfortable place to come, hangout, get help and use the materials. In addition, Cynthia Wilson; Adult Services Librarian, attended the November 3rd Library Commission meeting as well. Cynthia described the collections management and selection process with the commission.

NCLA Report

Commissioner Lai reported about the previous NCLA meeting with regard to logistics for the June 2010 election.

BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. City Council/Library Commission Joint Meeting Follow-up
Commissioners reviewed the joint meeting with Council which took place on Oct. 13th. Commissioners were happy to hear that an Environmental Impact Report will answer many questions concerning space for the whole master plan and how it will affect Library space. Also, the Commission was encouraged that Council acknowledged when the time came to rebuild the Community Center, there would be a place for Friends of the Library.
2. Community Picnic Follow-up
Commissioner Smith reported on outcome of the Community Picnic and made some recommendations for next year's picnic. Curious George and the 25cent book cart increased visibility and interest in the Library Booth. Representatives from the Library Commission, Friends of the Library and LALE took turns maintaining the booth throughout the day. Library pencils, bookmarks, business cards and brochures were useful materials to have available at the booth. There continues to be problems with the partial closure of the San Antonio Road entrance to the Library. There were still no signs at San Antonio or at the Library road indicating the library was open, but that there was no parking available.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set December 1st Meeting Agenda

ADJOURNMENT – 7:17p.m.

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