
MINUTES
MEETING OF THE NORTH COUNTY LIBRARY AUTHORITY

November 11, 2011 - 5:30 P.M.

Neutra House

181 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by President Mordo

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Jean Mordo (President) Ron Packard (Vice President) Jim Lai (Secretary) Val Carpenter Lenelle Smith
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Members absent	None
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Staff /Representatives present:	Russell Morreale/Liaison/Treasurer Jolie Houston/Legal Counsel Steve Mattas/Special Counsel
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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1) Minutes From The Meeting of July 27, 2011

The minutes for June 27, 2011 were approved with a motion from member Carpenter and a second by Vice President Packard. The motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION

2) Sub-committee Report on Library Services

President Mordo (Mordo) presented a report summarizing the sub-committee progress made to date. Mordo advised that both cities had drafted and sent letters to the Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority (SCCLJPA) on their positions regarding the recently enacted non-resident membership fees and the matter of a potential study for alternate services. The Los Altos Hills letter was provided and dated July 22, 2011 and the Los Altos letter dated July 27, 2011. Mordo advised that both cities had received their respective responses from the County in which the County advised that the matter of volunteer exemption has been schedule for board discussion on January 12, 2012. The County is considering the possibility of providing full-free card service to volunteers based on pre-defined eligibility criteria. Mordo and Vice President Packard (Packard) also advised that the County has indicated a willingness to review the current allocation formula, an item also placed on their January 26, 2012 agenda. Mordo advised that

matter of fee exemption for college students and non-JPA area students is not being considered at this time.

Mordo advised that the County responses have indicated that progress has been made in the County's labor contract negotiations concluding with a 7% reduction in equivalent wage reductions within a two-year term. Concessions included increased employee pension and health care contributions, among other cost saving measures.

Packard indicated that he would like to gather more information on the County health and employee packages both as negotiated and in force as a basis for evaluating a sustainable long-term fiscal model. He indicated that both cities will leverage their positions within the JPA in the discussions moving forward.

Mordo summarized that progress has been made relative to the responses and actions noted above and would recommend that the next actions focus on pursuing negotiations with the SCCLJPA especially as it relates to developing a revenue sharing formula that is more equitable to Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Mordo indicated his desire that this be taken as a first action prior to moving to a full professional Request for Proposal (RFP) and contract study of Library Services.

Key Correspondence Provided:

As part of this item, key supporting correspondence was provided as part of the agenda and to the audience. This included:

Santa Clara County Library District JPA – 10/31/11 Response to Los Altos & Hills Letters
07/22/11 Town of Los Altos Hills letter to the County
07/27/11 City of Los Altos letter to the County

Special Counsel:

Steve Mattas of Meyers Nave, engaged as Special Counsel, provided his report and memorandum, on the contractual options that exist for JPA members relative to the questions of withdrawal, asset allocation, and future revenue allocation including special fee assessments. Mattas reviewed the results of his report and addressed questions from the Board and the public.

Public Comment:

Public comment was also taken on this item with a question and answer discourse taking place.

Action:

Vice President Packard motioned that no additional dollars be appropriated towards a study at this time and that a subcommittee, made up of President Mordo and Himself, be appointed to recommend to each of their respective City Councils their appointments to enter into discussions and negotiations with the County as it relates to the matters of revenue sharing and labor contract limitations placed on the use of volunteers in the local libraries. Member Lai seconded and approved unanimously.

3) Presentation and Discussion of key County Correspondence:

Key related correspondence was provided as part of the public packet as noted above.

4) Request For Proposal – Library Services Study

As indicated in the motion for item #1 above, action on moving forward with a formal RFP and study at this time was deferred pending subcommittee negotiation results and findings.

As part of this agenda item, Member Carpenter moved that up to \$15, 000 be appropriated for FY11-12 to reimburse City staff for time spent on NCLA special projects as it relates to the special study under discussion. This was seconded by Mordo and approved unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A discussion took place setting the next meeting tentatively for February 13th at 10AM

ADJOURNMENT

President Mordo adjourned the meeting at approximately 6.28PM and all members concurred
Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Morreale
Liaison to NCLA