

Riverside Public Library

MINUTES

Board of Library Trustees

May 18, 2009

4:30 p.m.

VICE-PRESIDENT SUSAN COFFER, PRESIDING

Present:

Susan Coffer
John Schreck
Janet Lewis
Wendel Tucker
Wilbum Lopez
Judith Runyon
Gary Christmas
Gregory Bowers

Absent:

Nancy Melendez

Staff:

Leonard Hernandez, Interim Library Director
George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager
Karen Cramer, Reference Manager
Linda Brown, Sr. Account Clerk

Guests: None

Item #1 **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments were made at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items#2-4 The minutes from the April 27, 2009 Board meeting were approved.

Motion: Wendel Tucker

Second: Gary Christmas

Ayes: All

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR: None

BOARD AND DIRECTORS COMMUNICATIONS

Item #5 **Facilities Report: Report on the Development of the Joint Use Library Partnership with the Alvord Unified School given by Leonard Hernandez.**

Leonard distributed a power-point handout to Board members featuring highlights from a recent council meeting in which the City Council approved the joint-use Library. Leonard addressed specific areas including service impact, special features, program development and recommendations. Leonard mentioned the Library will be open to the public after school hours.

Facilities Report: Report on Arlanza Library ground breaking event given by Leonard Hernandez. The ground breaking event was celebrated this past week on May 14, 2009. There was a moderate turn out and Leonard apologized for the last minute date change for this event. The projected time line is Spring/ Summer 2010.

Facilities Report: Status report on maintenance of Library Facilities given by Leonard Hernandez. George Guzman and Leonard Hernandez are touring the Library facilities on a monthly basis along with the Building Services guys to identify and prioritize a list of various items that need to be addressed. George will follow up on the progress of these items. John Schreck asked about the status of the relocation of the Marcy Branch. Leonard stated an upcoming walk through with potential architects is scheduled. At this point it's still in the rough stages; projected time line is 12-18 months.

Item #6 **Directors Report: Status on Library staff, operations and programs given by Leonard Hernandez.** Leonard reported, per Judith Runyon's request, that the City has no candidate list for the Library Directors position at this time due to current budget constraints. Leonard stated he is visiting the branches on a monthly visit; attending staff meetings and addressing operational issues. He also mentioned that the Library in conjunction with Human Resources is participating in a grant funded Summer Youth Work Program. Leonard requested 50 youth participants to assist with various library duties during a six to eight week period. Gary Christmas asked if there were any anticipated lay-offs or further staff reductions for the Library. Leonard stated that the City budget planning is not finalized for public discussion at this time. However, City management has given rough targets for the departments to consider. Leonard mentioned that he has submitted a proposal for trimming branch hours and is looking at other means to reduce expenditures. Leonard stated that an exciting new library program was launched this past week called "Tales and Tunes" which is a fusion of music with a story time element. This pilot program will be held every Wednesday at 3:30 at the Eastside Library.

Item #7 **Friends of the Library Update on Activities given by Doris Illes.** Doris reported they had their annual Friends membership meeting last Thursday which included their annual election of officers. Decision was made to stay with their existing board. Doris mentioned that the Friends had give \$45,000 to the Library this year. There has been discussion with Leonard about moving the Friends book sale location to the other side of the entrance for more visibility and to allow the library to expand its computer usage area. During these economic times they are receiving more requests to share excess material with several outreach locations. Saturday, May 30 the Friends will be participating at the Neighborhood conference at Cal Baptist.

Item #8 **Library Foundation Update on Activities:** Virginia Field not present

Item #9 **Brief report on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Board Members.** Janet Lewis suggested others to attend a program at the Art Museum tomorrow night at 7:00 pm. The program is a panel discussion on "The Rise and Fall

of the Middle Class Neighborhood” which includes an exhibit of photographs by Doug McCulloh.

Item #10 **Items for future Board of Library Trustees consideration as requested by Board Members.** John Schreck requested an update on the volunteer program. John Schreck requested input on the position of the Library Director and requested someone from the City to attend. Susan Coffey, on behalf of Nancy Melendez, asked for public meetings for input on new library design.

Item #11 **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Submitted by Robyn DeHoog

Nancy Melendez, President

Susan Coffey, Vice-President