

Riverside Public Library

MINUTES

Board of Library Trustees

October 26, 2009

5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT NANCY MELENDEZ, PRESIDING

Present:

Nancy Melendez

Janet Lewis

Gregory Bowers

Gary Christmas

Susan Coffey

Wendel Tucker

Wilbur Lopez

Absent:

Judith Runyon

John Schreck

Staff:

Leonard Hernandez, Library Director

George Guzman, Administrative Services Manager

Susie Garcia, Casa Blanca Library Site Supervisor

Guests: Adam Anuskiewicz - Pfeiffer Partners Architects

Item #1 **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Taber – asked if Library still had adult literacy program. He would like to participate in this program and has made several attempts to contact the program coordinator.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items #2-4 Approval of the consent calendar.

Motion to approve consent calendar

Second given

Ayes: All

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR:

Item #5 **Downtown Library Design: Update on the design process for the new Library given by L. Hernandez and Pfeiffer Architects.**

- L. Hernandez – stated there is a slight adjustment in the design schedule and more time is needed for the floor plan. Architects intend on proposing concept plans at the November meeting.
- Adam Anuskiewicz with Pfeiffer Partners presented recap of design constraints in building a new structure on existing site.
- Architects are currently designing an open floor plan with lots of natural light consisting of 2 stories each approximately 45,000 sq. feet and a third smaller floor which will incorporate various terraces. Approximately 85 parking spaces will be located on the 6th Street and Lemon Street portion of the lot. One formal entrance on Mission Inn Street and a secondary entrance off the parking area in back of building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – DESIGN PROCESS

- Dawn Hassett – suggested entire parking lot should be free for library patrons.
- Karen Doris Wright – recommended building new Library by Fairmont Park and have the current building repurposed for Museum expansion. Prefers underground parking to maximize use of space.
- Molly Carpenter – would like underground parking reconsidered. Suggested putting Chinese Pagoda inside new library.
- Byron Edwards – suggested building library on different site.
- Robert Saber – questioned the impact of the pavilion in designing the new building and under what conditions was the structure accepted by the City.

Item #6 Discussion on determining the date and location for the December Board Meeting.

- Board members agreed under general consent that they will not meet this December.

BOARD AND DIRECTORS COMMUNICATIONS:

Item #7 Directors Report: Update on Library's Organization Chart. Status on Library Operations and Programs give by L. Hernandez.

- Distributed organizational chart on current library positions.
- Thanked Board Members for attending Library Volunteer Recognition Event.
- Orange Terrace Library recently celebrated their One Year Anniversary and thanked all the support groups and Board Members who attended this event.
- Interior renovations for Marcy Branch will begin in the next couple of months.

Item #8 Friends of the Library Update on Activities by Doris Illes:

- Sold many items at the Orange Terrace Anniversary event.
- Committee planning next year's events.
- Plan on hosting a combined holiday/staff party including Board Members, Foundation and Friends.
- Donations have slowed down slightly.

Item #9 Library Foundation Update on Activities by Sue Rainey.

- Reported discussion on 2010 annual campaign which will focus on children's ages from birth to preschool and the importance of getting children ready for school.

Item #10 **Brief report on conferences, seminars, and meetings attended by Board Members.**

- Susan Coffey and Nancy Melendez -attended Volunteer Recognition Event and thanked all those involved in making this a great event.

Item #11 **Items for future Board of Library Trustees consideration as required by Board members.**

- Contact both the minister at the Unitarian Church and the owner of Mission Inn and invite them to the next Library Design Ad Hoc Committee meeting.
- Requested further information on historical perspective and legal obligation of Chinese pavilion.

Item # 12 **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Submitted by Robyn DeHoog

Nancy Melendez, President

Susan Coffey, Vice-President