



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 3, 2007
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson, Nancy Tucker called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

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

Absent:

Also Present: Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian; Melinda Cervantes; Roy Lave, NCLA; Bob Simon, LALE; Gerry Dunckel; Friends of the Library; Peggy Ford, City Staff Liaison

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER THURBER MOVED that the minutes of March 6, 2007 be approved with corrections. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POULOS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian

There are a few staffing changes taking place with in the library. During the month of March the library held 10 programs for adults and two for teens. There are 11 programs planned for April which include a variety for both teens and adults. There were a total of 35 programs for children during the month of March as well. In addition to regularly scheduled story times, there were some special programs provided as well such as Afternoon at the Movies and the Cat in the Hat event. Along with regular preschool and bedtime story times, upcoming programming includes: SciFi Book Club for 7th and 8th graders, Afternoon at the Movies, Mad Science programs, and "Spring into Book Club" for 4th-6th graders.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

1. Senator Simitian has introduced SB 156 California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008. If passed by the State Legislature and signed by the governor, this Proposition could appear on a ballot as early as June 2008.
2. CLA/CSLA Library Legislative Day will be held on Wednesday, April 18th in Sacramento. An orientation session begins at 8:30am followed by appointments with local legislators.
3. The annual Library Issues Breakfast hosted by the Bay Area Library and Information System, Peninsula Library System and Silicon Valley Library System will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 8:30am at the Stanford Park Hotel. Dr. Robert Martin, the first librarian to serve as director of the Institute of Museums and Library Services will be speaking.

Gerry Dunckel, Friends of the Library

Gerry announced that the newly purchased Mighty Lite tables have been delivered and ready for the upcoming book sale taking place in May.

Commissioner Smith, LALE

Speaking Volumes will be taking place on April 20th at 4pm in the Main Library. Ron Hansen is the guest speaker.

JPA Meeting and/or NCLA Meeting Report

The next JPA meeting is scheduled for April 26th at 1:30pm at the Library Administrative offices in Los Gatos. The next NCLA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th at 5:30 in Council Chambers.

BUSINESS

1) Expansion

Discussion for expansion focused on a few key items. These are: Who will spear head the expansion, which option to choose as provided by the architect, all commissioners were most interested in Option A. Additional focus was on fundraising for the expansion and how to go about asking Council's permission for continued pursuit of expansion.

2) Needs Assessment

Commissioners discussed the desire to conduct a needs assessment of the Library. Roy Lave of the NCLA board spoke on behalf of NCLA. He indicated that he would go back to the board and ask about funding a needs assessment in order to move forward with expansion details.

COMMISSIONER THURBER MOVED to ask NCLA to fund the cost of a needs assessment. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

3) Reaching Out to the Community

Commissioner Smiths' presentation to Council regarding the Brain Fuse – tutoring Online Program was very successful. Commissioner Struthers also had a successful presentation to the Town Council of Los Altos Hills about the Brain Fuse program.

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set May 1st Agenda

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm

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