

SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARIES
A CITY-COUNTY SYSTEM

LIBRARY JOINT POWERS BOARD

MINUTES

April 7, 2008

Central Branch Community Meeting Room
224 Church Street, Santa Cruz

7:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Jan Beautz, Citizen Nancy Gerdt, Citizen Barbara Gorson, Councilmember Jim Reed, Citizen Leigh Poitinger, Councilmember Mike Rotkin, Supervisor Mark Stone, Councilmember Michael Termini

Absent: Councilmember Cynthia Mathews

Excused:

Staff: Anne Turner, Director of Libraries
Susan Elgin, Assistant Director of Libraries

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA OF APRIL 7, 2008

Supervisor Stone moved, seconded by Councilmember Rotkin

**that the Board approve the agenda of April 7, 2008 with the following changes:
move item #10A & B to be considered after the Consent Agenda.**

**UNAN
Absent: Mathews**

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2008

A. APPROVE MINUTES

Councilmember Reed moved, seconded by Citizenmember Poitinger

**that the Board approve the minutes of March 3, 2008 with the correction of striking
motion 2008-10.**

UNAN

Abstain: Rotkin
Absent: Mathews

B. RECONSIDERATION OF THE MARCH 3, 2008 ACTION RE FELTON BRANCH

Supervisor Stone moved, seconded by Supervisor Beutz

that the Board reconsider motion 2008-10 of the minutes of March 3, 2008.

UNAN
Absent: Mathews

Supervisor Stone moved, seconded by Councilmember Rotkin

that the Board move to set the Felton Library as the highest capital priority and that no other capital money be spent on any other capital projects including upgrades, remodels, changes or new starts, until the new Felton branch is funded. For further clarification this action would not apply to money spent from the operations budget for normal capital equipment expenditures such as for shelving, maintenance projects, ect.

**AYES: Beutz, Gerdt, Gorson,
Poitinger, Rotkin, Stone, Termini**
NAYES: Reed
Absent: Mathews

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Confirm Grant Acceptance

Supervisor Stone moved, seconded by Supervisor Beutz

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt a Resolution #2008-04 confirming acceptance of a grant from the California Council for the Humanities in the amount of \$1,000 plus equipment, and amending the FY 2007-08 Budget to include these funds.

UNAN
Absent: Mathews

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter of February 19, 2008 from Barbara O. Smith to Board of Supervisors re Central Branch disabled parking and reply from Chair Ellen Pirie
- B. "Providing for Knowledge, Growth, and Prosperity-A Benefit Study of the San Francisco Public Library"

VII. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES

Jack Farr, Treasurer of the Friends of the Santa Cruz City-County Library System reported the following Friends' activities:

- Three new Friends Board members
 - Phyllis Taylor of Felton
 - Carole McPherson of Santa Cruz
 - Elizabeth Walch of Scotts Valley
- Two new Chapter Liaisons
 - Phyllis Taylor of Felton
 - Elizabeth Walch of Scotts Valley
- In the process of completing FY 2008-09 Budget
- Two Board members will attend the California Library Association Legislation Advocacy Day in Sacramento, CA on April 16, 2008
 - Meeting with Senator Simitian on SB 1516 "Public Library Construction and Renovation Act"
- Spring Civic Book Sale May 16th & 17th
- Munching with Mozart April 4, 2008
 - Huge success and well attended
 - Next concert is on May 2nd

Phyllis Taylor, FSCPL reported on behalf of the Felton Library Friends the following activities:

- 4th Annual San Lorenzo Valley Poetry Contest
 - Accepting entries now and until April 26th
 - Have accepted to date 75 entries
 - April 23rd Event to Conclude from 7-8pm at the Felton Community Hall

VIII. MEMBER REPORTS

A. CALTAC Workshop of March 1, 2008

Citizenmember Gorson and Citizenmember Gerdt reported back from the CALTAC Workshop they attended on March 1, 2008.

Citizenmember Gorson reported the tour of the new San Mateo Library was impressive. It is 90,000 square feet facility with underground parking. Their funding did come from a

number of different sources including both individuals and corporations. The focus is self help for the patrons (ie; self check out, holds/reserves). They have a great RFID system that cost close to \$1 million. The cost saving have not been determined yet because the system is so new.

Susan Hildreth, CA State Librarian, and Dr. Ken Haycock, Director of SJSU School of Library and Info Science, spoke about the use of volunteers in libraries.

Also the workshop touched on the value of advocating for libraries moving beyond the number of services and programs but to talk about the results of those programs for the community.

B. Measure R Sales Tax Continuation Campaign Report

Citizenmember Gorson reported in Councilmember Mathews absence:

- Gathered approximately 500 endorsements
*groups, elected officials, individuals
- Moving toward public visibility with signs and posters
- Scheduling tabling activities

IX. STAFF REPORTS

The Director made the following reports:

A. Staff Political Activities- a Memo to All Staff from Director of Libraries

Memo was distributed to every employee with their last pay checks.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Library Facilities Master Plan

Supervisor Stone moved, seconded by Councilmember Rotkin

That by motion the Board direct the Chair to appoint a subcommittee of members to consult with the Director of Libraries in updating the Library's Facilities Master Plan.

UNAN

Absent: Mathews

B. Live Oak Branch Railing Replacement

Supervisor Stone moved, seconded by Supervisor Beautz

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board move to direct staff to look into non-metallic alternatives to replacing the Live Oak railing caps.

UNAN Absent: Mathews

C. FY 2008-09 Budget Priorities

Councilmember Rotkin would like to see the new Locust/Union Building in a separate line other than with the other rents.

Citizenmember Gorson would like to have a City representative come and talk to the board regarding the City's administrative services provided to the library system.

D. Scotts Valley New Library Update

Councilmember Reed passed out plans for the Scotts Valley Town Center that would include the new Scotts Valley Library Branch. One of the propane companies currently on the site has decided to relocate to another area within Scotts Valley. This has allowed the Town Center Developers to move forward with the Town Center plans.

The City of Scotts Valley owns the plans to the new Town Center so if the developer does not work out for some reason the plans will move to another developer.

There will be village green and the plan calls for the following:

With the whole town center concept is essential to incorporate a large public space such as a public plaza or town green that will accommodate community events and public and private assemblies to attract visitors and residents to the planned area. Civic buildings also enhance public spaces and help re enforce the concept of a true town center versus a traditional shopping center. The Scotts Valley Public Library will sit at the terminus of this main entry drive into the plan area and end at the town green. Library in combination with the town green is crucial to create the desired downtown feel and the "there, there" that Scotts Valley is looking for.

Scotts Valley has \$2.3 million set aside in the library fund today.

In August 2008 Scotts Valley is expecting to approve the EIR and the specific plan. Architects will begin to design the library soon after this date and ground could be broke by the middle of next year.

Scotts Valley is starting its own Friends of the Library.

E. Locust/Union Move

The Director reported that the new building is looking great. The project is running a week behind at this point. Everything will be moved out of 1543 Pacific Avenue by the end of May.

F. The Board agreed to schedule the next meeting for May 12, 2008.

XI. NEXT MEETING

May 12, 2008

The Board will consider a first draft of staff recommendations for the FY 2008-09 Budget.

XII. ADJOURN

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Fraser, Substitute Clerk of the Board

Kira Henifin, Clerk of the Board

All documents referred to in these minutes are available in the Library Office.