

SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARIES
A CITY-COUNTY SYSTEM

LIBRARY JOINT POWERS BOARD

MINUTES

June 1, 2009

Santa Cruz County Chambers
700 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

7:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor John Leopold, Citizen Nancy Gerdt, Citizen Barbara Gorson,
Councilmember Cynthia Mathews substituting for Councilmember Katherine Beiers,
Councilmember Jim Reed, Citizen Leigh Poitinger, Councilmember Mike Rotkin,
Supervisor Mark Stone, Councilmember Sam Storey

Staff: Susan Elgin, Acting Director for Santa Cruz Public Libraries

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA OF JUNE 1, 2009

Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Storey

that the Board approve the agenda of June 1, 2009.

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III. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2009

Councilmember Reed moved, seconded by Supervisor Leopold

**that the Board approve the minutes of May 11, 2009 with the following correction:
pg 5 under Citizenmember Poitinger's comments. The last sentence refers to the
ILL system and it should be corrected to say the ILS system.**

**AYES: Gorson, Poitinger,
Reed, Rotkin, Mathews, Storey, Stone, Gerdt
Abstain: Mathews**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

None

V. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. James Morley, La Selva Beach resident, would like the Board to consider keeping La Selva Beach open on Saturdays. He also suggested that a written statement be available describing the library's use of volunteers.

- B. Citizenmember Gorson reported that Councilmember Reed has joined the budget sub-committee.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Letters and Emails from the Public
- B. Library Financing Authority Revised Revenue Estimates for 2008-09 and 2009-10

VII. REPORTS OF ADVISORY BODIES

None

VIII. MEMBER REPORTS

- A. Councilmember Leopold reported on the Library Financing Authorities Meeting
- B. Councilmember Reed reported on the new Scotts Valley Library Branch

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. LibLime Five-Year Costs

Dan Landry, Network Administrator, reported that the library will begin replacing the existing system with an open source model. The vendor has accepted a payment plan in order to begin the \$130,000 installation project. The basic functions do not meet our needs completely and the pieces that are missing will need to be developed by others who the library will then borrow from in order to make the model work for our library system.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Conduct Public Hearing on the FY 2009-2010 Operating Budget & Adopt FY 2009-2010 Library Budget

Fifteen members of the public spoke to the Board.

Susan Elgin gave an overview to the Board on the budget proposal.

The Board expressed their appreciation for staff's hard work on the proposals presented.

Susan Elgin did mention that the State is proposing to take back property tax monies from counties and if that happens the library will be faced with further revenue shortfalls.

Councilmember Mathews supports the idea that the Board should assume that the State would take back the 8% in property tax revenue. She also mentioned that the savings proposed would not be the actual savings since layoffs will take some time to complete. She also stated that a 5% reserve is a good to set but does not think it is the best use of resources at this time.

Citizenmember Gorson believes the Board's decision tonight will be the first step. She is ready to continue to discuss a long-term vision for the library and its goals with the new Director, library staff, and the public. She is in support of Scenario 6.

Supervisor Leopold stated that he thinks a better job could have been done in managing the libraries financial resources. He also agreed that the Board should assume that the state will take back the 8% and is in support of Scenario 7.

Councilmember Reed also agreed that the Board should assume the state take back. He does not want to see the book budget cut further, which has already been low compared to other library systems. He would like to see the Board prune to recover and preserve jobs. He is in support of Scenario 6 without any changes. He believes that moderate actions are the course to take in order to give the new Director maximum flexibility.

Citizenmember Poitinger is also in favor of Scenario 6 and does not want to see branches close.

Councilmember Rotkin reported that he believes more cuts will be needed and therefore is in support of Scenario 7.

Councilmember Storey is in support of Scenario 6 because it helps to limit the number of lay offs in the library system. He does not support deeper cuts than are necessary at this time. Scenario 6 projects a \$400,000 surplus, which would help to offset the State's take back of the 8%.

Supervisor Stone is in support of Scenario 6.

Citizenmember Gerdt is in support of Scenario 6 and believes more cuts may be needed.

Supervisor Leopold moved, seconded by Councilmember Rotkin

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board authorize the adoption of the FY 2009-2010 operating budget as outlined without reserves and includes Scenario 6.

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Mathews

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board amend the above motion to direct staff to meet with City of Santa Cruz officials to discuss borrowing terms between the City and the Library.

**AYES: Gorson, Poitinger,
Reed, Rotkin, Mathews, Storey, Stone, Gerdt
NAYES: Leopold**

B. Review and Approve Resolutions

Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Mathews

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt Resolution #2009-04 authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$16,000 in income from the Richardson Trust to the FY 2009-2010 Budget for the purchase of library materials that meet the criteria established for the Trust.

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Mathews

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt Resolution #2009-05 authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$755 from the Finkeldey Trust to the FY 2009-2010 Budget for the purchase of library materials.

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Mathews

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt Resolution #2009-06 authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$10,000 in accrued McCaskill Trust for the Visually Impaired income to the FY 2009-2010 Budget for the purchase of library materials for this purpose.

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Mathews

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt Resolution #2009-07 authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000 in accrued McCaskill Trust for Local History income to the FY 2009-2010 Budget for the purchase of library materials for this purpose.

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Stone

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt Resolution #2009-08 authorizing the transfer and appropriation of \$18,018 in Felton Contingency Fund income to the FY 2009-2010 Budget for the purchase of library materials for the purpose of the new branch planning.

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Storey

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt Resolution #2009-09 authorizing the elimination of position #706-001, Assistant Director, from the FY 2009-2010 Library Budget as of January 1, 2010.

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Storey

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt Resolution #2009-10 authorizing the elimination of the following positions from the FY 2009-2010 Library Budget as of July 1, 2009:

725-003	150-019	150-008	185-008
313-009	151-018	151-015	106-011
151-037	151-042	150-027	185-017
150-024	185-009	151-006	185-021
151-030	185-018	185-025	

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Storey

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt Resolution #2009-11 authorizing the reduction of the following positions from the FY 2009-2010 Library Budget as of July 1, 2009 from 40 hour FTE to 20 hour PTE:

132-003
151-028
149-016

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Storey

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board adopt Resolution #2009-12 authorizing the transfer of the following position from the FY 2009-2010 Library Budget as of July 1, 2009 from Public Services to Technical Services:

149-020

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C. Continuation of a 10% Furlough of All Library Employees

Supervisor Leopold moved, seconded by Councilmember Reed

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board authorize the Interim Library Director to work with City Human Resources Director to negotiate the continuation of a 10% furlough for all regular full-time library employees for FY 2009-2010. Any deferrals that individual bargaining units adopt that apply to the 2009-2010 furlough will be used to lessen the amount of the furlough time

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C. Adopt new branch hours effective July 1, 2009

Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Reed

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board authorize a change in Library hours system-wide effective July 1, 2009 that reflect the hours in Scenario 6.

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Councilmember Rotkin moved, seconded by Councilmember Storey

That the Library Joint Powers Authority Board authorize savings from Scenario 6 to be transferred to a contingency fund.

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XI. NEXT MEETING

July 13, 2009

XII. ADJOURN

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kira Henifin, Clerk of the Board

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