

**MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

February 20, 2007
5:00 P.M.
Central Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kuperberg, Budwig, Cox, Lewis, Miles, Moore and Parodi

STAFF PRESENT: Daugherty, Blassingame

Due to the absence of Secretary Hayden, Sherrie Daugherty, Principal Librarian, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT: None

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS: None

MINUTES: January 16, 2007

CHAIR KUPERBERG REQUESTED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES: SO MOVED BY MR. BUDWIG AND SO SECONDED BY MR. LEWIS; THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Ms. Blassingame distributed and reviewed the updated Library Board of Trustees Member Roster.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

F-1. Elect New Library Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

CHAIR KUPERBERG ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ELECT A NEW CHAIR FOR 2007. MR. LEWIS NOMINATED MR. BUDWIG AS CHAIR. MR. MILES SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR OF MR. BUDWIG BEING ELECTED AS CHAIR.

NEWLY ELECTED CHAIR BUDWIG ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ELECT A NEW VICE-CHAIR FOR 2007. MR. KUPERBERG NOMINATED MS. COX AS VICE-CHAIR. MR. PARODI SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR OF MS. COX BEING ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIR.

F-2. Huntington Beach Playhouse provision.

Chair Budwig asked about the status of the lease negotiations between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Playhouse. Ms. Blessingame referred to Attachment 3.1, Council Agenda Item H-2a, and summarized that the Council is entertaining a proposal by the Playhouse for a three-year lease term and a modified payment structure. Council has directed City staff to: a) look at the fiscal impact of accepting the Playhouse’s proposal as outlined in Attachment 1.1, b) work with the Playhouse Board in jointly developing a plan to expand subscriber base and, c) bring the results of the analysis back to the Council within 45 days. A discussion followed. Topics included the possibility of the Playhouse relocating to downtown Huntington Beach in three years, the impact of the City subsidizing the Playhouse and the response of other non-profit groups within the City.

F-3. Central Library Refurbishment.

Chair Budwig asked about the status of the Central Library Refurbishment project. Ms. Daugherty reported that the final meeting with the design firm, Tetra Design, is scheduled for February 23. She also reported that a meeting with Jason Churchill in the Public Works department is scheduled for March 1. The main focus of that meeting will be to determine a plan to begin implementation of the final design proposed by Tetra by prioritizing the various phases of the project, including the ceiling tiles, painting, wall coverings and carpet. Chair Budwig asked about the amount of “down-time” the library might experience during the refurbishment. Ms. Daugherty replied that no “down-time” is anticipated. The library would operate normally, however, some areas of the library may be cordoned off for short periods of time as the project goes forward. She explained that the major aspects of the project such as carpeting and painting would be completed during evening hours and while the library was closed. She explained that a presentation would be made at the next Board meeting to outline the plan for implementation of the refurbishment.

Mr. Parodi inquired about the new carpet cleaning service and asked why the existing carpet would require cleaning. Ms. Daugherty replied that there was no set time frame for installing the new carpet and that the existing carpet would still require spot cleaning until then. She also noted that some of the carpet in the stacks had been replaced recently and would occasionally require cleaning.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ms. Blessingame distributed information on the Children’s Library programs and the Oak View library programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library Support Organizations: Ms. Blessingame distributed flyers promoting the upcoming Friends of the Library panel event, “The Doolittle Raiders,” scheduled on Tuesday evening, February 27th, and the March Author event, featuring T. Jefferson Parker, scheduled on Tuesday evening, March 6th.

Mr. Budwig reported on the next Orange County California Genealogical Society event scheduled for Saturday, March 3 in the Library. The highlight of the upcoming Society event is the annual Book Faire.

CALTAC: Mr. Moore reminded the Board members of the CALTAC meeting being held in the Library on March 24, 2007. Ms. Blessingame offered to register any member of the Board for the CALTAC event. Chair Budwig and Mr. Lewis accepted her offer.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Miles distributed an article on a new Young Adults book titled “More Than Lucky,” and expressed a desire to have the author, Susan Patron, speak at the library. Mr. Moore, who is a friend of Ms. Patron’s, offered to contact her first, and then contact the Friends of the Library representative about a possible speaking engagement.

Mr. Parodi presented a brief summary of a book he’d recently read, and recommended, titled “California: A History” by Kevin Starr. Mr. Miles also recommended the book.

Mr. Miles inquired about the Library Director, Mr. Hayden, and expressed concern at the Director’s absence at recent meetings.

STAFF COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Budwig entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kuperberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Parodi seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,


Lloyd Budwig, Chair