

**MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

July 15, 2008
5:00 P.M.
Central Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

ROLL CALL:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hall

STAFF PRESENT: Williams, Gonzalez, Blassingame

COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT: None

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Kuperberg congratulated Chair Cox on her presentation of the Banning project to the City Council at the July 7 Study Session.

MINUTES: June 17, 2008

CHAIR COX ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED: SO MOVED BY MR. BUDWIG AND SO SECONDED BY MR. LEWIS, THE MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2008 WERE APPROVED WITH ONE CORRECTION.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: Ms. Blassingame asked Chair Cox to sign the May meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

F-1. Banning Library project

Chair Cox reported that the Banning project presentation was made to the City Council during the July 7 Study Session. Ms. Williams complimented Chair Cox on her smooth, professional presentation. She also reported that the goal of the Study Session was to provide an informative overview of the project to the City Council and to have the project included in the long term financial plan. Ms. Williams reported the City Council was receptive to the presentation and asked several questions, which members of the Library Board and the Library Director answered. She added that at the conclusion of the meeting, the City Council agreed to support the project and to include it in the long term financial plan.

Mr. Kuperberg asked what the next steps would be, and if Ms. Williams would provide a timeline. Ms. Williams replied that the next steps involve soliciting community involvement, and including the project in the City's Strategic Plan. She added that the Library Board will provide periodic updates to the City Council. Mr. Kuperberg asked when the next update should be provided. Ms. Williams replied that

there would be meetings scheduled with the local community groups including the Southeast Neighborhood Association, the Eader School principal and the Planning Commission to provide a follow-up regarding the outcome of the July 7 Study Session. She also stated that funds would be needed to hire a consultant to produce contractual drawings to show to the community groups.

Mr. Moore asked when the Library Director provides the annual overview of the Library Services department to the Finance Department. Ms. Williams replied that she didn't know. Mr. Moore stated that the new Library Director would need time to review the project and could then provide input to the Board.

Ms. Blassingame interjected with the information that Michele Carr, Director of Human Resources, requested a copy of the Banning presentation information to include in the Library Director recruitment brochure.

Mr. Moore asked where he could obtain a copy of the City's long term financial plan. Ms. Blassingame replied that she did not know, but suggested it might be included in the City's Annual Report. Mr. Lewis agreed. Ms. Williams added that the Banning project would more likely be included in the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget.

Mr. Moore also made mention of State Bill 1516, a \$4 billion library construction and renovation bond measure sponsored by the California Library Association. He added that this money may be available, if passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor, on the November 2010 ballot.

Mr. Miles congratulated Chair Cox once again on her wonderfully coherent presentation to City Council. All board members concurred.

Mr. Kuperberg stated that perhaps next month the Board would receive a timeline, a draft plan and a list of the dates, times and locations of the meetings Ms. Williams will be scheduling with the various community groups. Ms. Williams agreed to begin that process.

Chair Cox asked if there were any other comments regarding this topic. There being none, the Board moved on to Item F-2.

F-2. HB Centennial

Mr. Budwig began the discussion by reporting he scanned slides and photographs of the various library buildings of Huntington Beach. He will work these photos into a PowerPoint slideshow for display at the library as part of the City's Centennial celebration. Ms. Blassingame added that she has a scanned photo of the Main Street branch to include in the slideshow and will email it to Mr. Budwig.

Mr. Budwig also requested the list of street names that coincide with various early citizens of Huntington Beach so he can research their significance in relation to the library. Ms. Blassingame mentioned that the list can be found on the library's web site.

Mr. Moore revisited the suggestion to develop monthly bibliographies for patrons based on the monthly themes proposed by the Centennial Committee. He also repeated his offer to work with a librarian in both the adult and children's collections to accomplish this task. Ms. Williams made note of his request and will follow-up with him after meeting with Sherrie Daugherty and the children's staff. Ms. Gonzalez added that there could be special displays in children's that would tie-in to his ideas.

Mr. Miles proposed the Board's Centennial Committee meet once Mr. Budwig puts together the slide show to review it and offer input. Mr. Budwig agreed to contact Mr. Miles and Mr. Moore once the slide show is in an electronic file.

Chair Cox asked if there were any other comments regarding this topic. There being none, the Board moved on to Item F-3.

F-3. Library Director Recruitment Profile

Ms. Blassingame reported Mr. Hayden gave his notice of retirement on Monday, July 7, 2008 and his last day is October 31, 2008. She then reviewed the letter drafted from the suggestions of the Board members at the last two meetings and asked that Chair Cox sign the letter, if there were no changes or objections. Ms. Blassingame will send the letter to Michele Carr, Director of Human Resources, on Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mr. Moore distributed information regarding the HB Reads One Book selection, 'kids from nowhere.'

Ms. Blassingame distributed the July/August Children's programs calendar and information about the Children's Library programs, the Adult Literacy programs and Oak View library and literacy programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library Support Organizations: Mr. Budwig distributed an agenda for the Orange County, California Genealogical Society upcoming events and reviewed the various topic discussion being held at the library in August and September.

CALTAC: Mr. Moore reminded the Board about the CALTAC Board meeting being held at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library in Long Beach on August 2, 2008, and the annual awards luncheon held at the California Library Association Conference in San Jose, November 14 - 17, 2008.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Budwig asked about the status of the Recreational Vehicles parked in the library parking lot. Ms. Williams reported on a meeting including library staff and police from the traffic division. She mentioned several alternative solutions to the issue, included designating a specific area for the RVs in the parking lot. Mr. Moore commented that this might attract more RVs to the library and made the suggestion of adding parking blocks to all head-to-head spaces to eliminate the ability of large vehicles to park in the lot. Mr. Budwig asked if RV owners parked in the lot use the library. Ms. Williams replied that they do, to hang out, to wash in the restrooms, and to escape the heat, in addition to reading the books.

Chair Cox provided a report on the most recent Mayor's Round Table. She noted that discussions included the review of the Centennial brochure, and a Rose Parade float update. She added that the City is holding a contest to allow a couple of lucky citizens the opportunity to ride the float during the parade. Chair Cox also reported on an update regarding the Bella Terra shopping center and the next phase of the project, which will include 500 residential units on the west end of the property where the Montgomery Ward buildings currently stand. She added that the Strand will open at the end of the year, the hotel W is in the future of Huntington Beach, and the Beach/Edinger corridor is under going transformation. She also mentioned the popularity of the Surf City nights every Tuesday on Main Street, and the pier getting permanent buildings.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Cox entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kuperberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dionne Cox, Chair