

**MINUTES  
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

December 18, 2007  
5:00 P.M.  
Central Library  
7111 Talbert Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Cox, Mr. Budwig, Mr. Kuperberg, Mr. Lewis, Vice Chair Miles and Mr. Moore

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ms. Williams and Ms. Miltko

**COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT:** None

**PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:** None

**MINUTES:** November 20, 2007

CHAIR COX ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED: SO MOVED BY MR. BUDWIG AND VICE CHAIR MILES SECONDED. ONE CORRECTION WAS SUGGESTED AND ACCEPTED. THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007 WERE APPROVED WITH CORRECTION.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:** Ms. Miltko announced there will be a farewell reception for Penny Culbreth-Graft and circulated the flyer.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**F-1. Banning Library project**

The Board began discussing the Banning Branch project. Mr. Budwig expressed a concern and stated he is not convinced that the community needs such an expansive facility as the new Banning Branch, and is finding it difficult to argue for the project. The remaining Board Members and Ms. Williams provided reasons why the project is needed.

Mr. Budwig does not see the need for such an elaborate branch and the need to spend money on duplicating the research materials which already exist at the Central Library. Ms. Williams explained that the Banning Branch will be a research library with updated computers and meeting/training rooms, but will not duplicate all reference materials offered at the Central Library. The Banning Branch will focus on servicing children, offering popular novels, computer databases geared for teens and adults; hardcopy reference materials will not be the emphasis. She added that the branch needs additional space for children's programming; it will be used often especially being next to an elementary school. Mr. Moore added that elementary research is

different than higher education; the branch will be able to provide the sources for this type of research without becoming a central library research center. Mr. Moore added that though Edison High School's library has good resources, students visit the public library for comprehensive computer searches; therefore, the Banning Branch will benefit the students from this community.

Mr. Budwig requested a breakdown of the attendance number of adults and children. Ms. Williams was able to provide this information, also included that branch statistics for circulation are compiled every month.

Mr. Budwig expressed his concern that once this branch is complete then the others would need to be upgraded. Mr. Kuperberg stated that the renovation and expansion of the Banning Branch will motivate the community surrounding the other branches. Mr. Kuperberg added that libraries are to serve the community they are in and the existing Banning Branch needs an upgrade to meet the needs of the community. Mr. Moore stated he would like to see branches offer more services, similar to central libraries. Mr. Moore suggested looking at other library systems across the country; Huntington Beach needs to double the number of branches within the city to fall within the average. Mr. Moore would like to see the Banning Branch specialize in a subject matter. For example, the Main Street Branch has the United Nations collection, and future renovations should include branches having their own unique collection.

Mr. Budwig mentioned that the community is fighting against the salination plant and questioned if the community will resist this project as well. All Board Members expressed that the salination plant project is very different in nature than the Banning Branch project.

Midway through the meeting two guests requested permission to sit-in on the meeting to fulfill a school project requirement, and all Board Members agreed.

Mr. Budwig continued stating concerns regarding the staffing of the larger branch; one librarian is not enough due to vacations and sick days that arise. Ms. Williams assured the Board that substitutes and Library Specialists would be trained to cover the Librarian's absence, as presently exercised.

Mr. Budwig wants to be convinced in order to get motivated to market this project and cultivate community support. He would like to see the local community's support before he begins campaigning for the project. Mr. Moore agreed that the local community needs to buy-in and support the project. Ms. Williams assured the Board that the community will participate in surveys and questionnaires to provide feedback. Ms. Williams reminded the Board that the Friends of the Library financially assisted in keeping the Banning Branch open after the community strongly expresses their discontent to losing the branch. She feels the community will be agreeable to this project.

Mr. Moore suggested that Mr. Hayden inform the Board regarding what he has heard from the community regarding the Banning project, and if this project is supported by the community members, Council and other Departments.

Vice Chair Miles and Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Budwig what he feels should be done to the Banning Branch. Mr. Budwig would like to see the Banning Branch renovated and increase the Central Library's storage and research space, not spend \$7 million on one facility.

Chair Cox asked Mr. Budwig if the Board could continue to prepare and give the presentation to the City Council in January. Mr. Budwig agreed to proceed with the presentation.

Ms. Williams distributed three additional slides to include in the power point presentation. Once Mr. Hayden approves the slide, the Board will receive the revised power point.

Chair Cox and Vice Chair Miles agreed to prepare and give the power point presentation together at the January Study Session. They will give a practice presentation at the January Board Meeting. Ms. Williams will ensure technological needs are arranged. Ms. Williams will email Chair Cox and Vice Chair Miles the Power Point script she has prepared for her presentations as a starting point.

The Board asked for confirmation that the Study Session is scheduled for January 22 at 5:00. Ms. Miltko was not certain of the date and time, she will check and forward schedule to the Board. Vice Chair Miles asked if technical support will be available. Ms. Williams agreed to have the Power Point set-up at City Hall and a technician available during the presentation to Council.

Mr. Lewis asked if City Council is aware of the development of this project. Ms. Williams believes they are aware, as well as some City Departments and Committees.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Ms. Miltko distributed information sheets on the Oak View and Children's programs.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **H-1. Library Support Organizations:**

1. Ms. Miltko distributed the flyer announcing the Friends January author luncheon.
2. Mr. Budwig did not report any information for the Genealogy Society.

**H-2. CALTAC:** Mr. Moore reported that on March 15 CALTAC will be having their meeting at the new Orange County Public Library.

Mr. Moore announced the dates for the "Huntington Beach Reads One Book" and a summary of *Three Cups of Tea*. The Huntington Beach Art Center will host an event on January 24 with Afghan food, art and a movie. On February 21, Mr. Mortensen, will be presenting to students in the morning and then again in the evening for community members. Mr. Moore informed the Board that the Library Liaison to the Human Relations Task Force, Christine Moore, is attending the program's meetings and marketing the program at the Library. Mr. Kuperberg announced that the LA Times had an article about "Huntington Beach Reads One Book" and *Three Cups of Tea*.

In March, the Human Relations Task Force will be selecting a new book for next years Huntington Beach Reads One Book program.

**LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS:** None

**STAFF COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Kuperberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Budwig seconded the motion. There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dionne Cox, Chair