MINUTES
BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 6:30 P.M.

SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY – 1901 RUSSELL STREET

Board of Library Trustees:
Chair Darryl Moore           Abigail Franklin
Vice Chair Winston Burton    Julie Holcomb
Jim Novosel

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A copy of the agenda packet and a digital recording of the meeting is accessible at http://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/about_the_library/bolt/bolt.php

A. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Trustees Burton, Franklin, Holcomb and Novosel

Absent: Trustee Moore.

Also Present: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services; Douglas Smith; Deputy Director; Dennis Dang, Library Admin Manager; Sarah Dentan, Neighborhood and Children’s Services Manager; Eve Franklin, Administrative Secretary.

B. Public Comments: none

1. David Snyder – Executive Director of the Berkeley Public Library Foundation. Extended thanks to the Trustees and library staff. He is leaving the Berkeley Public Library Foundation to take another job. Kirsten Cowan will be appointed Interim Executive Director. Mary O’Neil will be Developmental Director. Elizabeth Watson continues as President. Looking forward to the opening of Claremont and North Branches and new building for South and West.

C. Report from library employees and unions, discussion of staff issues: Director Corbeil introduced Neighborhood and Children’s Services Manager Sarah Dentan.

D. Report from Board of Library Trustees:

1. Trustee Holcomb – distributed NPR article, Libraries Make Room For High-Tech ‘Hackerspaces’ (Attachment 1) for review.

2. Trustee Franklin – Thanked David Snyder for his efforts as Executive Director of the Berkeley Public Library Foundation.

3. Chair Burton – Reported attending City Council meeting where they approved lease for the Tool Lending Library. Expressed concerns about State’s “trigger” budget reductions.

II. DISCUSSION

A. Naming Policy for the Berkeley Public Library

From: Director of Library Services.
Action: Trustee Franklin distributed a copy of a revised policy (Attachment 2) for review.
Discussion held. Trustees agreed to insert the following sentence into the previous version. After first sentence, add “This policy enables patrons to easily ascertain the general location of a
Library Facility. “Trustees to consider alternatives for Item 5 under procedures. This item will be brought back for further discussion and approval.

B. Power Purchase Agreement Options

From: Director of Library Services.
Action: Neal DeSnoo, Division Manager, City of Berkeley Office of Energy and Sustainable Development outlined different options for funding solar systems. Discussion held. Trustees and Library and City staff will continue to explore options.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Trustee Franklin / Trustee Novosel) to adopt Resolution# R11-084 to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented.

A. Approve minutes of November 9, 2011 Regular Meeting

From: Director of Library Services
Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees.
Financial Implications: None.
Contact: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Action: Adopted Resolution# R11-085.

B. 2012 Annual Authors Dinner event

From: Deputy Director of Library Services
Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving the arrangements in preparation for the tenth annual Authors Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Central Library.
Financial Implications: None.
Contact: Douglas Smith, Deputy Director of Library Services
Action: Adopted Resolution# R11-086.

C. Library Card Patron Types Policy

From: Circulation Services Manager
Recommendation: Adopt the resolution adopting revisions to the policy defining Berkeley Public Library card patron types, their circulation limits and exemptions, and patron eligibility for the various Patron Types.
Financial Implications: None.
Contact: Jay Dickinson, Circulation Services Manager
Action: Adopted Resolution # R11-087.

D. Request to Release Invitation to Bid for the West Branch Library (Measure FF)

From: Director of Library Services
Recommendation: Adopt the resolution to approve the request to release the invitation for bids for the West Branch Improvement Project in January 2012.
Financial Implications: none.
Contact: Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services
Action: Adopted Resolution # R11-088.
IV. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Library Strategic Plan Update

Deputy Director Smith will talk with staff to development milestones and report to BOLT quarterly.

From: Deputy Director of Library Services
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution adopting the Library Strategic Plan for 2011 – 2013 as presented.
Financial Implications: none.
Contact: Douglas Smith, Deputy Director of Library Services.
Action: M/S/C (Trustee Holcomb / Trustee Franklin to adopt Resolution # R11-089 approving the Library Strategic Plan for 2011 – 2013 as presented.

V. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. Update on the Branch Bond Program

From: Director of Library Services
Contact: Donna Corbeil, Library Director
Action: Received.

B. December 2011 Monthly Report from Library Director

Director Corbeil reported the State Library announced the 1st tier cuts to the State budget will zero out funding for California Library Services Act, the state literacy program, and the Public Library Foundation. There will be no immediate impact on the Library as this reduction was anticipated.

From: Director of Library Services
Contact: Donna Corbeil, Library Director
Action: Received.

C. Library Patron Web Survey @ BPL: The Impact Survey

From: Deputy Director of Library Services
Contact: Douglas Smith, Library Deputy Director
Action: None.

D. Library events

From: Director of Library Services
Contact: Donna Corbeil, Library Director
Action: None.

VI. AGENDA BUILDING

The next meeting will be a Regular Meeting held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the South Branch Library, 1901 Russell Street, Berkeley.

- Kitchell Quarterly Report
- Artist Selection for South and West Branches
- Project Labor Agreement Update

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2011 as approved by the Board of Library Trustees

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Donna Corbeil, Director of Library Services, acting as secretary to BOLT

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. NPR article, Libraries Make Room For High-Tech ‘Hackerspaces’
2. Facility Naming Policy