

LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MARCH 25, 2015

PRESENT:

Carol Arnone, President  
Alan Greenberg, Vice President  
Warren Vegh, Trustee  
Diane Parr, Trustee

George Trepp, Library Director  
Michael Simon, Assistant Director  
Jill Lessard, Administrative Assistant  
David Baram, Attorney

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

Kathleen Dwyer

ATTENDEES:

Denise Ford, Nassau County Legislator  
Gerry Romanoff, Vice President, WENCA  
Matthew Dwyer

Trustee Arnone called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

- **Agenda Item I** : MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015 were moved for adoption by Trustee Arnone, seconded by Trustee Parr, and unanimously approved. Trustee Vegh abstained as he was not present at that meeting.
  - *Of Note:* Trustee Greenberg's name was corrected on page 2 of 3
- **Agenda Item II** : WARRANTS 977, 978, and 979 were moved for approval by Trustee Vegh, seconded by Trustee Greenberg, and unanimously accepted.
  - *Of Note:* Additional detail was added to Warrant 979 at Trustee Vegh's request.

Trustee Arnone then turned the meeting over to Director Trepp to address the Director's report

○ **Agenda Item III** : DIRECTOR'S REPORT

◆Environmental Testing : The Director advised that a proposal had been received from H<sub>2</sub>M Architects and Engineers for assessment and sampling in the West End Branch for mold, at a cost of \$ 950.00. In response to questions from the public, Trustee Arnone provided a brief synopsis of the steps taken thus far. She noted the problem came to the fore after the lease had been signed, and was brought to the attention of the landlord. An inspection was performed by Enviroscience, the results of which showed elevated readings for mold. The landlord retained Envirotrac to perform the remediation, which brings us to present day and the proposed re-testing by H<sub>2</sub>M to ensure the remediation was successful. Trustee Arnone also noted, that the landlord provided documentation from the Department of Environmental Conservation certifying that no evidence of any petroleum based contamination was found on the premises. Lastly, Director Trepp

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advised that another environmental company, Balfor, had inspected the premises at the behest of Envirosience with regard to a projected cost for remediation, but that they did not present a proposal.

The topic of a “move in” date was raised, with the public asking when they could expect to see the branch opened. The Director reminded everyone that lacking any survey responses, there were only certain things that could be done i.e. paint, carpet, circulation desk, etc. Legislator Ford asked if there was any way to have the branch open on a limited basis while survey results were still being garnered, to bolster community spirit. The Director was of the opinion that may not be the best course of action stating that he did not want to repeat the mistakes of the previous branches. He noted that the survey will be conducted at the request of the West End Neighbors and the West End community as a whole. The Director did offer a suggestion to potentially speed up the process, by distributing the survey electronically via email and a link on the library website.

With respect to the proposal from H2M and after discussion, the matter was put forth to a vote. Trustees Arnone and Parr voted in favor of accepting the proposal, while Trustees Vegh and Greenberg voted against. Trustee Vegh then moved that the Board have the Director obtain at least two (2) additional proposals. Seconded by Trustee Greenberg; Trustees Vegh, Greenberg and Parr voted in favor and Trustee Arnone voted against.

- **Of Note:** Following the vote, Trustee Arnone departed the meeting.

♦The West End custom desk & storage unit for \$13,500, West End carpeting, and the Overeater’s Anonymous meeting room requests (for which no one appeared) were tabled, pursuant to a motion by Trustee Greenberg, seconded by Trustee Parr, and unanimously approved.

- **Agenda Item IV :** CORRESPONDENCE – There were no correspondence items.
- **Agenda Item V :** OLD BUSINESS – The 2015-2016 Budget was moved for approval by Trustee Vegh, seconded by Trustee Parr, and unanimously approved. The Board voted unanimously to table the Health Insurance for Administrative Staff Retirees Policy, as moved by Trustee Vegh, seconded by Trustee Parr, and unanimously approved.
- **Agenda Item VI :** NEW BUSINESS – there were no new business items on the Agenda. The Director introduced and summarized the Tax Freeze initiative for the Board. After discussion the topic was tabled
- **Agenda Item VII :** CSEA – There were no CSEA items.
- **Agenda Item VIII :** GOOD AND WELFARE - Pt. Lookout patron Carol Lundgren requested an

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extension of the Qi Gong exercise program, asserting that she had 30+ signatures supporting such. Members of the public also voiced support for continuing the program. The Board unanimously approved the request, moved for by Trustee Parr, seconded by Trustee Greenberg.

***OF NOTE** • Trustee Greenberg noted that this vote did not indicate tacit approval going forward, that it only applied to the next eight week session •*

- **Agenda Item IX** : PERSONNEL – The resignation of full time librarian Margaret Capobianco, effective March 23, 2015, was unanimously accepted by the Board.

- **Agenda Item X** : DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING –

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 7:00p.m. – Public Session

- **Agenda Item XI** : ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Parr moved to adjourn the public session at 8:29p.m., seconded by Trustee Vegh, and unanimously approved.