

LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APRIL 22, 2015

PRESENT:

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

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

ATTENDEES:

David Napell, Island Harvest
Matthew Dwyer
Barbara Mosca

Trustee Arnone called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

- ❖ Agenda Item I : Minutes of March 25 and April 1, 2015 were moved for approval by Trustee Vegh, seconded by Trustee Greenberg, and unanimously approved
- ❖ Agenda Item II : Bills and Schedules 980, 981, and 982 were moved for approval by Trustee Parr, seconded by Trustee Vegh, and unanimously approved
- ❖ Agenda Item III : Director's Report
 - West End Branch Furnishings : After discussion amongst the Board, it was agreed that the custom desk & storage unit option at a cost of \$13,500 be removed from the Agenda. Motioned by Trustee Greenberg, seconded by Trustee Parr and unanimously approved. It was further agreed that broadloom commercial carpeting from R&D American Carpeting be installed at a state contracted cost of \$4,188.06. Moved for approval by Trustee Greenberg, seconded by Trustee Vegh, and unanimously approved. The computer work stations were tabled as the Board requested that the Director research options for moveable workstations. Motioned by Trustee Parr, seconded by Trustee Vegh, and unanimously approved. Trustee Dwyer then moved that the Director research options for moveable tables separate from the workstations, seconded by Trustee Vegh, and unanimously approved. The Director will present his findings on these items, as well as other items such as casual seating and shelving, at the May 6, 2015 meeting.
 - Meeting Room Requests : Overeater's Anonymous meeting request was tabled as, for the second time, there was no representation.
 - Jazz Festival Funding at \$5,850 was unanimously approved. Motioned by Trustee Dwyer, seconded by Trustee Parr.

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- Summer Free Food Program – 3 days : After the Director presented a summary of last year’s program, David Napell of Island Harvest took a few moments to thank the Library for its prior participation and answer questions about this year’s proposed, expanded program. He advised that the Library will be participating in an “open site” program, in which the number of meals provided is estimated based on prior weeks’ attendance. Mr. Nappell stated that the Library is the only site in Long Beach that Island Harvest currently works with, and cited the success of last year’s program. He further noted that the program is federally funded, and the Library would incur no out of pocket expenses. Finally, the Director noted that Superintendent Weiss and Director of Food Services Stephen Kamlet of the Long Beach Public Schools have endorsed the program. After input from the Board and the public with regard to providing age appropriate library activities and/or programs during such time that the Summer Free Food Program will operate, Trustee Vegh moved for approval, seconded by Trustee Greenberg. Approved by Trustees Vegh, Greenberg, Arnone, and Dwyer. Trustee Parr voted against, having expressed that while she supported the program as a whole, she had concerns about using the Library to feed people.

♦ **OF NOTE: Trustee Vegh departed the meeting due to another commitment** ♦

- After discussion amongst the Board, the acceptance of the State Report was motioned by Trustee Dwyer, seconded by Trustee Arnone, and unanimously approved.
- ❖ Agenda Item IV : There were no Correspondence items
- ❖ Agenda Item V : Old Business : Health Insurance for Administrative Staff Retirees Policy – Following a discussion amongst the Board and the Public, the Board voted unanimously to a) decrease the employer contribution rate from 100% to the statutory minimum (currently 50%), and b) increase the number of years required for eligibility from 10 to 20 (inclusive of all library positions held), for administrative staff. The remainder of the draft policy will remain unchanged. Motioned by Trustee Parr, seconded by Trustee Greenberg.
- ❖ Agenda Item VI : New Business :
 - The Board unanimously voted to opt out of the Tax Freeze filing due in large part to the nominal potential savings vs. the cutting of programs / materials / staff that would be necessary to achieve the requisite reductions, as explained by the Director. It was noted, that seven (7) other Boards have voted against the filing thus far. Motioned by Trustee Greenberg, seconded by Trustee Parr.
 - With regard to the Trustee proposed environmental assessment of the main building, the Board asked the Director to look into the cost of testing air quality and mold. The Director will provide competitive quotes.

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- In response to concerns voiced about the handicapped access to the West End Branch, the Board requested the Director to contact the Long Beach Building Commissioner, Scott Kemins, to inquire if the location meets current ADA requirements. At the behest of Trustee Greenberg, the Director will also contact the LBPD Traffic division to inquire about putting a handicapped space in front of the branch.

♦ OF NOTE: In response to Board inquiry, the Director advised that the painting of the West End Branch would begin as soon as possible, and that the carpeting would be ordered Thursday, April 23 2015 ♦

- ❖ Agenda Item VII : There were no Good and Welfare items.
- ❖ Agenda Item VIII : There were no CSEA items.
- ❖ Agenda Item IX : Personnel : The tenure appointment of Jill Lessard, Administrative Assistant, was moved for approval by Trustee Parr, seconded by Trustee Dwyer, and unanimously approved. The resignation of part time clerk Anna Park, effective 4/24/15, was moved for approval by Trustee Dwyer, seconded by Trustee Parr, and unanimously approved.
- ❖ Agenda Item X : Date and Time of Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. – Budget Hearing
 - ♦ OF NOTE: In addition to the budget hearing, the Board will review the Director's findings with regard to furnishings for the West End Branch ♦**
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. – Executive Session
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. – Public Session
 - ♦ OF NOTE: Trustee Greenberg advised he will not be able to attend the May 20, 2015 meeting ♦**
- ❖ Agenda Item XI : Adjournment : Trustee Parr moved to adjourn at 8:44 P.M., seconded by Trustee Greenberg, and unanimously approved.