

Berkeley Public Library
Board of Library Trustees

Special Meeting
May 18, 2004

Minutes
8:06 a.m.

South Branch
1901 Russell Street

I. Call to Order

The special meeting of May 18, 2004, was called to order at 8:06 a.m.

Present: Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Kupfer (8:10 a.m.), Powell

Absent: Trustee Shirek

Also Present: Director of Library Services Jackie Y. Griffin, Building Project Manager Elena Engel, Library Financial Manager Robert Derbin, Admin. Secretary Yvette Gan, City Manager Phil Kamlarz

II. Public Comments: None

III. Approval of Agenda

R04-47 Moved by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Powell, to approve the agenda as presented by Trustee Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Action/Discussion

1. Discussion re: ballot measures and decision on amount for measures

Library Financial Manager Robert Derbin distributed copies of the latest budget figures for possible tax measures. A discussion followed on the numbers, and the wording for the resolution. City Manager Phil Kamlarz spoke of the other tax measures that may be on the ballot in November.

R04-48 Moved by Trustee Powell, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to request that the Berkeley City Council put a measure on the November 2004 ballot to increase the parcel tax on all properties in Berkeley by 17%, which would result in approximately \$41 per 1900 sq. ft. house, to restore service and staffing levels to July 2003 levels, re-open the Central Library on Sundays and increase community access to the Literacy program. The ballot measure should contain an annual escalation clause based on the greatest of the Consumer Price Index, per capita Personal Income Growth or 5%. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Frequency of Board of Library Trustees meetings post-ballot measure decision

This item was postponed till the next meeting.

3. Recommendation to deposit \$100,000 with Baker and Taylor

R04-49 Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Powell, to deposit \$100,000 from the Library's FY 2004 materials budget with Baker and Taylor for library materials; such transfer to occur before July 1, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjourn

R04-50 Moved by Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Kupfer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.