

Berkeley Public Library
Board of Library Trustees

Regular Meeting
March 9, 2005

Minutes
7:03 p.m.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of March 9, 2005, was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Trustees Anderson, Garcia, Kupfer, Moore, Powell

Absent: None

Also Present: Director of Library Services Jackie Griffin, Building Project Manager Elena Engel, Administrative Secretary Yvette Gan

II. Ceremonial Matters

Trustee Anderson presented Trustee Garcia with a plaque to thank him for having served on the Board of Library Trustees for the past eight years. He had provided valuable guidance to the Library's renovation project of the Central Library, and he will be very much missed by the other Trustees and the staff.

III. Public Comments

R05-25 Moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Powell, to allow two additional minutes to Ms. Andrea Segall for public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

There were 15 speakers.

IV. Approval of Agenda

R05-26 Moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Powell, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Powell asked that the item under "Reports for Discussion" (Item VII.1: Budget Discussion) be taken before "Reports for Action".

V. Consent Calendar

R05-27 Moved by Trustee Kupfer, seconded by Trustee Moore, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item V, which is to be moved to the section under "Reports For Action." Motion carried unanimously.

R05-28 Approved minutes of Special Meeting – January 26, 2005

R05-29 Approved minutes of Regular Meeting – February 9, 2005

R05-30 Approved minutes of Special Meeting – February 17, 2005

R05-31 Accepted personnel resignation: Library Aide, General Services, Central Library

R05-32 Approved request to close the Tool Lending Library for 2 weeks for annual maintenance from April 19 through April 30, 2005.

R05-33 Adopted resolution on Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology and Privacy Principles from the American Library Association (ALA)

VI. Reports for Discussion

1. Budget discussion: Brief presentations by Library department heads concerning alternative cost reduction scenarios

Library managers give brief reports on the alternative cost reduction scenarios. Director Griffin noted that the meet-and-confer with Local 535 SEIU was in process and asked that the Board defer making any decisions till their next regular meeting on April 13th. The Board agreed.

VII. Reports for Action

1. Purchase of Innovative Interfaces System Additions for \$56,074

R05-34 Moved by Trustee Powell, seconded by Trustee Garcia, to approve the purchase of Innovative Interfaces System Additions for \$56,074. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Request to close the Berkeley Public Library on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at 9 p.m., and to set aside Tuesday nights for programming night till 9 p.m.

R05-35 Moved by Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Kupfer, to approve requests to have library programs on Tuesdays till 9 p.m. with the necessary security in place. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Meeting Room Policy

The Trustees agreed to defer this item to a future meeting.

VIII. Reports for Information

1. Report on all-staff development day, March 4, 2005
2. BPL Calendar of Events, March 2005
3. Press Releases/Flyers:
 - *Free Library Database Training for Small Businesses*
 - *Oluyemi & Ijeoma Thomas: Adventurous Jazz and Poetry*
4. Newspaper articles:
 - *Editorial: Vox Populi Resounds In The Stacks (Berkeley Daily Planet, 2/18/05)*
 - *Correction to Feb. 15 article on "Library's New Technology" (Berkeley Daily Planet, 2/18/05)*
 - *Letter to the Editor: Self-Checkout System (Berkeley Daily Planet, 2/18/05)*
 - *Letter to the Editor: More on RFID (Berkeley Daily Planet, 2/18/05)*
 - *Exhibit Focuses On Black Panthers (Berkeley Voice, 2/18/05)*
 - *Letter to the Editor: RFID Technology (Berkeley Daily Planet, 2/23/05)*
 - *Letter: RFID Violates Intent Of A City Resolution (Berkeley Voice, 2/25/05)*
 - *Letters To The Editor (Berkeley Daily Planet, 2/25/05)*
 - *The Library Defends Its Principles: Privacy, Freedom, Access (Berkeley Daily Planet, 2/25/05)*
5. Flyers posted inside and outside the Library
6. Rebuilding Together letter dated 2/23/05
7. BPL Staff Newsletter, March 2005

IX. Agenda Building

Next Regular Meeting: 7:00 p.m., April 13, 2005, South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street

X. Closed Session

The Board went into closed session at 9:15 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:50 p.m. No action was taken.

XI. Adjourn

R05-36 Moved by Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.