

Berkeley Public Library
Board of Library Trustees

Regular Meeting
April 27, 2005

Minutes
7:10 p.m.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of April 27, 2005, was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also present: Director of Library Services Jackie Griffin, Building Project Manager Elena Engel, Library Financial Manager Beverli Marshall, Administrative Secretary Yvette Gan

II. Public Comments

There were 15 speakers.

III. Special Limited Presentation by Individual Library Staff Members

Twenty-five staff made individual presentations to the Board.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Anderson noted that several items on the agenda had originally been presented at the March 9, 2005, Board of Library Trustees meeting. However, as not all members of the public could hear the proceedings, these items were on the agenda for re-consideration.

Trustee Powell asked that

- Items V.5 (ALA Resolution on RFID) and V.7 (Library Programs on Tuesday nights at Central Library) be removed from the Consent Calendar. She would like to include Item V.5 under Item VII.3 (Community Meeting Re: RFID) as part of that discussion. She asked that Item V.7 be removed and deferred to another meeting in conjunction with the revised Meeting Room Policy.
- Item X (Closed Session) be deferred to the next meeting as there clearly would not be sufficient time to complete all items at tonight's meeting.
- Item VII.2 (Tax Rate Increase) be combined in the discussion of Item VI.1 (FY 06/07 budget).

Trustee Anderson noted that Item VII.1 (FY 2006 One Day Layoff) should be tabled as that issue is still under discussion between the City of Berkeley and the union officials.

Trustee Kupfer asked to add a report from the Budget Sub-committee under Item VI.1 (FY 06/07 Budget).

R05-39 Moved by Trustee Powell, seconded by Trustee Lee, to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.

V. Consent Calendar

The trustees unanimously approved the consent items as presented, with the exception of Items V.5 (ALA Resolution on RFID) and V.7 (Library Programs on Tuesday nights at Central Library).

March 9th agenda items:

- R05-40 Approved Minutes of Special Meeting – January 26, 2005**
- R05-41 Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 9, 2005**
- R05-42 Approved Minutes of Special Meeting – February 17, 2005**
- R05-43 Approved closure of Tool Lending Library Closure for 2 weeks for annual maintenance**
- R05-44 Approved purchase of Innovative Interfaces System Additions for \$56,074**

Current Agenda Items

- R05-45 Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting - March 9, 2005**
- R04-46 Approved Minutes of Special Meeting - March 17, 2005**
- R04-47 Approved Minutes of Special Meeting - March 24, 2006**

VI. Reports for Discussion

1. Discussion of FY 06/07 Budget

Trustee Kupfer said that the Budget Sub-committee had met with the Director and Financial Manager earlier this week to go over the budget in more detail.

The Director introduced the new Financial Manager, Beverli Marshall, who presented four different possible scenarios for the budget, as follows:

Scenario 1: Assumes a tax increase of 2% and a 3.8% cost-of-living increase per union contracts and no balancing measures.

Scenario 2: Assumes a tax increase of 4.8%, a 3.8% cost-of-living increase per union contracts and no balancing measures.

Scenario 3: Assumes a tax increase of 4.8%, a 3.8% cost-of-living increase and proposed balancing measures.

Scenario 4: Assumes all of the above as in Scenario 3, but also takes into consideration the City's proposed One Day Layoff plan.

Ms. Marshall noted that as of 4 p.m. today there had been word from the City Manager's office that there would not be One Day Layoffs, so Scenario 4 should be disregarded. She noted that the Library had no control over the amount of the Consumer Price Index or the Personal Growth Income Index, or over city-wide actions, such as the One Day Layoffs or hiring freeze.

The Board entered into a discussion of Scenario 3. Ms. Marshall noted that the Board would have to make a final decision on the budget at their June meeting.

VII. Reports for Action

1. Tax Rate Increase

Ms. Marshall advised the Board that the City Council would have to approve a recommendation of the tax rate at the City Council's May 24th meeting. As items to the City Council have to be submitted 3 weeks ahead, the trustees would have to vote on this item at tonight's meeting.

R05-48 Moved by Trustee Lee, seconded by Trustee Kupfer, to recommend to City Council that they approve a 4.8% increase in the Library tax rate. (Ayes: Anderson, Lee, Kupfer, Moore, Oppose: Powell).

Trustee Powell voiced her concern that Measure L had failed to get the required 67% approval. She felt a dialogue should be held with the community.

2. Community Meeting re: RFID

The trustees briefly discussed possible dates. The trustees agreed to Director Griffin's suggestion that a task force comprising two of the trustees meet to work on this.

VIII. Reports for Information

March 9th agenda items

1. BPL Calendar of Events, March 2005
2. Press Releases/Flyers:
 - *Free Library Database Training for Small Businesses*
 - *Oluyemi & Ijeoma Thomas: Adventurous Jazz and Poetry*
 - *Berkeley Public Library presents Qi, Feng Shui & Life with Grandmaster Professor Lin-Yun*
 - *Central Cinema; April 2005*
3. 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)*
4. Rebuilding Together letter dated 2/23/05

Current agenda items

5. Director's Report
6. Copy of California Code 6254.21 (a) re: posting home address or telephone number of officials on the internet.
7. BPL Calendar of Events, April 2005

IX. Agenda Building

Next Regular Meeting: 7:00 p.m., May 11, 2005, at the South Berkeley Senior Center,
2939 Ellis Street

Items: FY 06/07 Budget discussion, Community forum re: RFID, Reorganization Plan, Closed
Session.

X. Adjourn

**R05-49 Moved by Trustee Moore, seconded by Trustee Kupfer, to adjourn the meeting at
10:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**