

Berkeley Public Library
Board of Library Trustees

Special Meeting
August 1, 2005

Minutes
6:35 p.m.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street

I. Call to Order

The special meeting of August 1, 2005, was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Trustees Lee, Kupfer, Moore, Powell

Absent: Trustee Anderson

Also Present: Administrative Secretary Yvette Gan

II. Public Comment: 10 speakers

There were 10 speakers.

III. Community Forum on RFID

A community forum on the subject of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) took place immediately after "Public Comment." It was moderated by Keven Guillory, the producer of Forum on KQED 88.5FM. Panelists were:

- Paul Simon, Senior Applications Engineer at Checkpoint Systems, Inc.
- David Molnar, a graduate student in the Computer Science Department at UC Berkeley
- Gordon Wozniak, Ph.D., City Councilmember for District 8.
- Mary Minow, a library law consultant
- Karen Coyle, Digital Libraries consultant
- Lee Tien, Senior Staff Attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation

The first panel, comprising Paul Simon, David Molnar and Gordon Wozniak, described what RFID technology does, how it's used and public health and ergonomic issues. This was followed by a question-and-answer session. The second panel (Mary Minow, Karen Coyle and Lee Tien) talked about the privacy and security issues and how to protect patron privacy. A second question-and-answer session then took place.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.