

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REDWOOD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
June 9, 2009**

Trustees Present: R. Madrigal, Z. Sweeney, S. Levin, R. Barragan

Staff present: Library Director D. Genesy, Division Manager M. Kramer, and Administrative Assistant S. Gregorio.

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Madrigal called the meeting to order at 7:05pm in the Small Meeting Room of the Downtown Library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SEIU Representative Spore-Alhadeh reported that staff will be keeping a close eye on what is going on in the Library. She reiterated that the staff has agreed to a 1 year salary freeze and because of that sacrifice all funds should only be used on those things essential to the core services of the Library.

MINUTES MOTION

On the motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Barragan, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of May 12, 2009.

WARRANTS MOTION

On the motion by Trustee Barragan, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, the Board unanimously approved the payment of warrants # 7163 to #7214 and the payment of usual and necessary invoices through May 31, 2009.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Director Genesy reviewed the April expenditure report with the Board. With anticipated budget reductions next year, specifically in Library IT staff, the library is strategically spending money to bring our technology up to city standards for more efficient management. This has resulted in a slightly overspent budget.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Director Genesy reviewed the May monthly report with the Board. The Fair Oaks Branch staff has aggressively stepped up its effort to connect with all families in the North Fair Oaks community with various programs, storytimes, and informational presentations. This has resulted in a 40% increase in circulation and a 25% increase in visitors. Other Branch highlights include:

- a 50% increase in the usage of our online homework help site
- a very successful program for Wetland Month at the Redwood Shores Branch
- over 400 community members have responded to our web survey to name the public Book Tower sculpture

- usage of the Redwood Shores Branch continues to be strong, with over 27,000 visits and 50,000 items lent in May.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CITY CHARTER – PETER INGRAM

City Manager Peter Ingram presented proposed changes to the City Charter pertaining to the Library. The two proposed changes are to increase the number of City Council-appointed Library Board members from five to seven, and to change the reporting relationship of the Library Director. The Board raised several questions and concerns as to why the Charter should be changed. At the end of the discussion, City Manager Ingram thanked the Board for their time and for their input. He will report all comments and concerns back to the City Council Charter Committee.

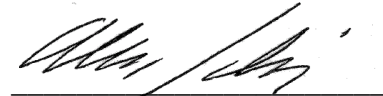
COMMUNITY FEEDBACK/ AGENDA BUILDING/ UPCOMING EVENTS/ MATTERS OF BOARD INTEREST

- City Council Budget session will be held on June 15th.
- Project Read BBQ will be held on July 18th.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m. to July 21, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Small Meeting Room of the Downtown Library.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alex Schernig, Secretary

DG: SG 6/25/09