

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REDWOOD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
February 9, 2010**

Trustees Present: R. Barragan, A. Schernig, J. Gross, R. Madrigal, S. Levin

Staff present: Library Director D. Genesy, Division Manager M. Kramer, Youth Services Librarian J. Averill and Administrative Assistant S. Gregorio

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Barragan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm in the Small Meeting Room of the Downtown Library.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**MINUTES MOTION**

On the motion by Trustee Levin, seconded by Trustee Schernig, the Board unanimously approved the amended minutes of January 12, 2010.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Director Genesy reviewed the January monthly report with the Board. Highlights included the installation of new signage at the Downtown Library and the completion of the teen center, which is the final piece of "creating spaces for all ages and uses." The full report is posted on the Library's website at: [www.redwoodcity.org/library](http://www.redwoodcity.org/library).

**NEW LIBRARY FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Board welcomed and congratulated the new executive director of the Library Foundation, Georgi LaBerge. Foundation Director LaBerge thanked the Board for being volunteers and let them know that she is eager to work closely with them and all other library groups. She provided them with an update on the Library Foundation's project to raise \$250,000 for the Fair Oaks Library collection. As part of the campaign, the Foundation will be hosting a fundraiser on February 25th. Director LaBerge invited the Board to attend.

**YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS**

Children's Librarian Jacky Averill explained that the Youth Services staff and the Parks and Recreation's staff had partnered with Community Network for Youth Development (CYND), a group designed to improve the quality of life for children. This grant-funded program helped the group conduct a survey of 6 to 19 year olds to gauge the effectiveness of our programs. Ms. Averill distributed and explained the results of the survey, with possible

service responses and a follow up survey. After a brief discussion about the results, the Board thanked her for her time and for her presentation.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Director Genesy explained that the projected deficit continues to grow as our property tax, transient occupancy tax, and sales tax continue to decline. The City is facing a deficit of about \$4.4M going into Fiscal Year 10-11. The Executive Team has been asked to revisit reduction options that were not taken during this past mid-year budget round, and will be working on an options list to present to the City Council at a future meeting. Director Genesy has been meeting with staff weekly to give updates and to solicit input and ideas.

**LIBRARY BOARD ORDINANCE – SECOND READ**

Director Genesy informed the Board that he sent the first draft ordinance to the City Attorney and the City Manager. He received several comments and recommendations and shared them with the Board. The Board agreed to carefully review these suggestions and to come to the next Board meeting with proposed changes.

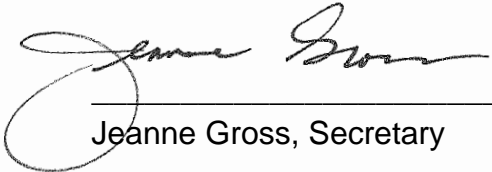
**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK/ AGENDA BUILDING/ UPCOMING EVENTS/ MATTERS OF BOARD INTEREST**

- o Library Board Ordinance – Third Read
- o Budget

**ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57p.m. to March 9, 2010 at 7:00pm in Small Meeting Room of the Downtown Library.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jeanne Gross, Secretary

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