



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
November 14, 2005 6:30 pm
Menlo Park Library
800 Alma Street
Menlo Park, Ca. 94025

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair McDonough called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

McDonough, Chair (P), Friedman (P), Goyle (P), Tedrow (P), Traum (P),
Wellner de Veer (P), Zara (P)

STAFF PRESENT:

No staff present.

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

B. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Belle Haven – Future Vision

- The research done by Mrs. Holmer before her vacation was not available for the commission to read and review. That information will be mailed to commissioners.
- How to gather addition information on the demographics and needs of the Belle Haven area were discussed.

Ms. Zara will contact the Sequoia Union High School District for demographic information regarding the high school population.

Mr. Goyle will contact Ravenswood School District for their demographics of the Belle Haven students.

Mr. McDonough will contact Bohannon – a large property owner in the Belle Haven neighborhood.

- How to estimate the cost of a branch library was briefly discussed.

2. Priority Driven Budget Update

- The analysis of the survey data is not yet complete.

3. Reports: Commissioners' Reports:

- Friends
 - The September book sale was successful. \$26,000 was raised.
 - There will be a small book sale in December.

- Foundation:
 - The City Council voted to not support the Foundation's request for matching funds at the October 18 Council meeting.
 - They are waiting to move into their office at the library.
 - A wider appeal for donations will be made at the end of the year.
- PLS Advisory Board
 - No report this month.
- Meet your Library Commissioners:
 - Mrs. Wellner de Veer and Mr. Tedrow reported on their discussions with library patrons on November 12.
 - 17-18 people stopped by their table to chat; all were complementary of the library and of the wonderful, helpful and polite staff.
 - Most of the people who stopped by felt that the library should be open more hours. More computer terminals would also be appropriate.
 - Some suggested that the Commission should be more aggressive in seeking money – especially to increase hours of operation. However, opinions were given that increasing fines or relying on sales tax where not good ways of improving funding. One patron commented that if Oakland and Salinas could pass a parcel tax to fund their libraries, why couldn't Menlo Park do so as well?

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Minutes – After noting corrections to the draft minutes, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the minutes of the October 10, 2005 meeting were approved.
2. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the December Commission meeting was cancelled.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, January 9 at the Menlo Park Library main branch.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Zara, secretary to the Library Commission

