



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
July 12, 2010 6:30 pm
Menlo Park Library
800 Alma Street
Menlo Park, Ca. 94025

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Zara called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Zara, Chair (P), Hamilton (A), McDonough (P), Sloo (P), Soto (P—departed @7:45 p.m.), Vasudeva (P), Wangberg (A)

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Holmer, Director of Library Services
Alice Bradshaw, Program Manager, Project Read

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shelly Lapkoff, Ph.D., Principal Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research, Inc.
Jacqui Cebrian, Menlo Park resident, Belle Haven neighborhood & reading specialist for the Menlo Park City School District

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

B BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Meet your Library Commissioner (MYC)

- Ms. Sloo and Ms. Zara staffed MYC at the Library's table during the June 23 Menlo Park block party on Santa Cruz Ave. Mr. McDonough took photos at the event.
- Both Ms. Sloo and Ms. Zara found it difficult to engage the public at this venue. Thirty-five people stopped to speak to the Commissioners in the two hours they were at the Library table. Ms. Sloo has the compiled feedback received and will send out the notes in the future.
- Mr. McDonough, Ms. Vasudeva and Ms. Soto volunteered to staff MYC at the second Menlo Park block party on Wed., August 11.
- Discussion ensued regarding having an MYC at the downtown Menlo Park farmer's market in July.
- It was decided to not have an MYC at the National Night Out in the Belle Haven neighborhood on Aug. 3 as Ms. Holmer indicated that this event is a Police Department event, is lively and tables aren't usually set up.
<http://www.menlopark.org/police/NationalNightOut2010.pdf>

2. Approve minutes – June meeting.

- This item was deferred as Ms. Hamilton; Commission Secretary was not in attendance.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Demographic Analysis of the Belle Haven Community for the Menlo Park Library
 - Using a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Lapkoff reviewed the findings of their study.
 - Points from the report discussion ensued on details of the draft report including:
 - Approximately 1/2 of the students residing in the Belle Haven neighborhood are served by Bell Haven School and by extension the city's branch library.
 - Older students may also use the Internet computers in the branch library.
 - East Palo Alto has similar demographics to the Belle Haven neighborhood and has a branch of the San Mateo County Public Library system.
2. Commissioner Reports
 - Deferred due to lateness of the evening.
3. Staff Communications
 - Staff, volunteers and Commissioners are invited to a BBQ after-hours on Sunday in the main Library patio. This is a Bring-Your-Own everything event.

PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (*Limited to 30 minutes*)

Ms. Cebrian underscored that many residents of the Belle Haven neighborhood would like to see a larger library in the neighborhood, one with services for all age groups.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 13, 2009 at the Menlo Park Library main branch.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Zara, acting Secretary to the Library Commission