

Library Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
Redding Library Community Room
1100 Parkview Avenue
Redding, California
June 6, 2007, 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Present were Committee Members Patte Jelavich, Elaine Grossman, Connie Cleckler, Missy McArthur, and Chair Peggy O'Lea. Also present were Mark Smith of LSSI, Acting Library Director Linda Mielke, and Assistant City Manager Randy Bachman.

2. Public Comment

Several members of the public, representing a broad spectrum of opinions, addressed the Committee regarding the policy on Internet and computer use. Also, a comment was made regarding the proliferation of skateboarding near the Redding Library's main entrance.

3. Consent Calendar

There were no changes to the minutes of May 2, 2007. It was moved and seconded to accept the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried on a unanimous vote.

4. Staff Items

4.a. Acting Director's Report

Acting Director Mielke referred to her written report and provided three additional handouts for the Committee's review. She noted that for the month of May, circulation had stayed very strong and was comparable to April, which was the first full month of operation. Ms. Mielke discussed youth and teen services and also provided an addendum to the report regarding the Burney Branch.

4.b. Internet and Computer Use Policy

Assistant City Manager Bachman framed the issue noting that the Committee had considered this item at its two previous meetings and that the Library Board of Trustees (Board) had yet to approve a policy. Mr. Bachman noted that the Board had deadlocked 2-2 in considering the policy at its meeting on May 2, 2007.

Mark Smith provided some further background material for the Committee noting that Internet filtering is required in order to receive the Federally discounted funding rate for Internet access. The Supreme Court has upheld that requirement but has also stated that it is necessary to provide unfiltered access to those 18 and over in order to meet First Amendment tests. Mr. Smith then discussed the differences between the two policies previously considered by the Committee, as well as the additional "compromise" policy that had been provided by City of Redding staff. Mr. Smith

then distributed some proposed language that he felt would be workable and have the best opportunity of meeting favor with at least a majority of the Board. The Committee then had a general discussion and asked questions of staff regarding the various policy options under consideration. Committee Member Jelavich then made a motion to recommend the original draft policy once again to the Board. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chair O'Lea then opened the item up for public discussion. City Attorney Rick Duvernay addressed the Committee under public discussion noting that his revised draft policy, which was provided to the Committee in the packet, was his attempt to meet the concerns of the Board while still meeting Federal law and guidelines. Several members of the public also addressed the Committee regarding the policy. The speakers' comments ranged from encouraging the Committee to adopt a policy with the strictest Internet filtering to adopting a policy that provided the least restrictive Internet filtering. After hearing all of the public discussion, the Committee resumed its consideration of the item. There was then a general discussion about the proposed draft and some minor modifications were made at the request of Committee Member Cleckler. The time limitation for use of computers at the Burney Branch was changed back to one hour. It was then moved and seconded that the revised draft policy, as modified during the meeting, be recommended to the Board. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote, with Committee Member Cleckler opposed.

4.c. Committee Bylaws

Chair O'Lea noted the sample bylaws that were provided by staff in the Committee's packet. She suggested that a sub-committee be formed in order to take a first cut at drafting some bylaws for the Citizens Advisory Committee. It was the consensus of the Committee that Committee Member McArthur and Chair O'Lea would work on providing a first draft of the Committee Bylaws.

4.d. Budget Update

Assistant City Manager Bachman updated the Committee on the status of the preparation of the City's budget, as well as the status of the fiscal year 2007-08 and 2008-09 Library Budgets. He noted that the Wal Mart grant for operation of the longer hours at the Anderson Branch was \$5,000 in the upcoming fiscal year, as opposed to \$10,000 previously. Mr. Bachman noted that it would be necessary to cut the materials budget for the Branch libraries in order to keep the extended hours unless additional grant funding could be achieved. Chair O'Lea questioned whether there had been resolution between the seeming mismatch between the previous budget information provided to the Committee and the LSSI report. It was decided that Mr. Bachman, Mr. Smith, and Chair O'Lea would discuss this issue after the meeting.

4.e. Fire Drill

Assistant City Manager Bachman noted that the Committee's packet included an excerpt out of the new Fire Code that would be adopted by the State of California and the City of Redding. He noted that fire drills, under the code, are required of public facilities, such as libraries. He also noted that the fire drills could be performed quarterly during open hours with public participation or during closed hours with just staff. It was the consensus of the Committee that the fire drills would be more effective and less disruptive if they were conducted during non-open hours.

5. Committee Issues

5.a. Library Strategic Planning

It was noted that the strategic planning books have arrived, have been distributed to the Committee members, and that this item should be agendaized for discussion at the Committee's next meeting. It was also requested that a discussion take place at that time regarding the City's perspective with regard to this planning and what the participation of the City would be.

5.b. Ongoing Facility Issues

(1) Capital Facilities at the Burney Branch

Committee Member Grossman reported that the County had followed up on the issues related to the Burney Branch. She noted that the sign would be completed very soon. She also noted that under the 2007-08 prioritization of County facilities that ADA work for the Burney Branch was not anticipated. Ms. Grossman also noted that the bid for termite extermination and repair is out, and then there was a general discussion regarding potential expansion for Burney with an emphasis on determining whether or not there is enough property to expand on the existing parcel.

(2) Shelves/Hooks in the Restrooms at the Redding Library

It was noted that the hooks had already been installed at the Redding Branch.

5.c. Teen Advisory Board

Chair O'Lea mentioned that the original LSSI proposal had mentioned a Teen Advisory Board and she was questioning whether it was anticipated that this would be put together anytime soon. Ms. Mielke responded that this was indeed still the plan and that she would be following up shortly.

There was then a general discussion about the number of young people using the Library during the summer months and the occasional disruptions that have been occurring. Assistant City Manager Bachman noted that he would follow up with the Police Chief to ensure that more frequent walkthroughs by police officers would be forthcoming.

6. Future Agenda Items

There was a discussion that the next meeting would be cancelled due to the City Council's typical July recess and that the next meeting would be August 1, 2007.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Peggy O'Lea, Acting Chair