Martha Arroyo Neves, Assistant Chief of Branches called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.
Martha introduced Megan Anderson, Branch Manager at Presidio Branch Library.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

- The next regular CNL Meeting date is set for **Thursday, July 28, 2011,** 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., *Fisher Children’s Center, 2nd Floor – Main Library.*
- The next Steering Committee Meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 19, 2011,** 4:30 p.m., *Room 601 - Main Library.*
- The next Library Commission Meeting is **July 21, 2011,** beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library:
  - **Thursday, July 21st** – CNL Rep. Ellen Egbert will attend

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Visitacion Valley Branch Opening Day** – Saturday, July 30, 2011
- **Visitacion Valley Branch Pizza Party** – Friday, July 29, 2011 at 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.
  Volunteers include: Laura Bernabei, Ellen Egbert, Edie Epps, Chet Roaman and Miriam Pavis.
- Martha suggested holding the next holiday party, or another social event, at a branch library and inviting the Branch Managers to have more time to interact in a social setting.
- Luis also welcomes and extends his office in hosting the holiday event.
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- Luis reiterated of how impressive the circulation statistics at Anza Branch’s grand opening was second to Richmond Branch’s stats on opening day.
- Luis was happy to report that SFPL’s budget is on track.
- Mayor Ed Lee attended Merced Branch’s grand opening where the children envisioned and drew an Illustration of an ideal community which included the Library right in the middle of the community.
- SFPL placed first in two categories with the blue and green award offered by Department of the Environment: Leadership and Building Sustainability (tied first place with SFAirport and SF General Hospital) and Local Green Purchasing Award.

Next Steps with Action Plan – Laura Bernabei / Ellen Egbert

- COB will email the current action plan to representatives.
- Laura welcomes all to bring suggestions on the action plan to the next meeting.
- If possible, everyone should think about taking a “lead” role in the plan.

Sharing – All
- Harriet Sollod, Merced Branch, impressed with the new branch which just opened its doors and is gorgeous!
- Ruth Maginnis, Noe Valley Branch, is very happy with the new Children’s librarian. The shared back fence is still in progress. Luis mentioned that Roberto Lombardi, Facilities will complete the fence during the summer.
- Elaine Cahn, Richmond Branch, noted that Richmond is the first branch to offer an E-reader class. The Summer Reading Program is being offered in English, Chinese and Russian. Richmond is packed and very busy.
- Marcia Popper, Presidio Branch, says “You can see it all here – absolute transformation and a major accomplishment”. She is very appreciative of Roberto Lombardi’s work to the building and response to the neighbors. Rec. and Park is doing great job with the plot of land as well.
- Susan Chiu, Chinatown Branch, stated that the branch needs a Children’s Librarian and a full time janitor.
- Meghan Monahan, North Beach Branch, stated that the branch also needs a Children’s Librarian. They miss Anne Dorman who promoted to Branch Manager at Parkside Branch.
- Susan Fong Wong, Western Addition Branch, stated that the Children’s Librarian started in mid-June. The summer reading program is well attended. Lots of double parking and tree branches in the lot are scraping her car.

ACTION Martha will inform Roberto of the tree branches in the parking lot.
- Sandra Miller, Presidio Branch, is thrilled with Megan as the Branch Manager. Sandra was able to complete the “Lesson Learned Survey” with Megan. Also, has established a good relationship with Roberto.
- Nina Youkelson, Noe Valley Branch, did not have anything new to add today.
- Nora Dowley, Glen Park Branch, remarked that the branch is designed to accommodate commuters. It’s a whole new world compared to “before” and “after” the renovation.
- Chet Roaman, Mission Branch, mentioned that Potrero just held it’s 50 years annual Art Exhibition. The view at Potrero is incredible! People do not abuse parking here. Strollers at the Children’s Program is an issue.
- Ellen Egbert, met Melissa Gooch, new branch manager. Ellen noted that Melissa came to SFPL from the Richmond (City) Public Library. The branch has many Kid Power volunteers. Summer Reading Program is doing well. The Teen Librarian is doing a great job with outreach. The Jazz group: Bernal Heights Jazz Band plays their music, on the last Wednesday of each month. No charge to attend. Ellen highly recommends seeing this group. Handicapped parking spots were eliminated and the curb has been painted gray.
ACTION ➔ Martha will check with Facilities about a green zone.
- **Marcia Popper** added that the handicapped curb cut and markings were being abused by the local residents parking there and not using the library.
- **Ellen Egbert** added that the branch library art project will be proposed for approval by the Library Commission to the Arts Commission.
- **Laura Bernabei**, Ingleside Branch, will be conducting an arts and crafts programs. Will also offer a second year anniversary program with the possibility of handing out “bags” to patrons signing up for a new card.
- **Helen Harthorn**, Anza Branch, just opened its doors again with Aztec and Lion Dancers on a gorgeous day. The busy branch is amazingly beautiful with a lovely bench to sit on in the beautiful garden.
- **Charles Moody**, Ortega Branch, compared mini Ortega to a small bedroom. The staff is great with 8-9 year olds helping with the summer reading program.
- **Melyssa Jo Kelly**, Mission Branch, stated that the branch is a vital neighborhood center with fantastic programs. There are handicapped spots but no green parking meters yet. Sadly, Melyssa has moved out of the Mission neighborhood and uses the Main Library but finds herself going back to the Mission branch as well. Melyssa expressed that it is really a blessing and an honor to serve on this Council. She has a great love for the library and expressed to Luis that she has never encountered a department with such professional excellence, amazing transparency and personal loving relationships will all the members of San Francisco. A testimonial to Luis that we have such a world library and thanked everyone including all the staff as well.
- **Luis Herrera**, City Librarian, responded, “It’s easy when you have a great staff”.
- **Alfred Yun**, Chinatown Branch, mentioned that one, of three, celebrations included, Judy Young, former SFPL Librarian who presented a history of the branch and how its branch managers throughout the years.
- **Marcia Ehrlich**, Park Branch, everyone still loves the branch but the Fiction shelf is always empty because all material is checked out!
- **Miriam Pavis**, Bayview Branch, is housed at the YMCA as a temporary location. Alice Chan, branch manager has moved on to Vistacion Valley Branch. She had done a wonderful job in outreach and programming. There is absolutely no parking meters or parking for seniors and the disabled at the YMCA.

**ACTION ➔ Luis will look into the parking space issue at the YMCA.**

- **Linda Sze**, Visitacion Valley Branch, is very excited with the new branch opening on July 30th.
- **Edie Epps**, Visitacion Valley Branch, mentioned that there is metered parking on the east side. Referring to the ideal picture of the community created by the kids, it reminded her of VVA being right in the center of the mountains. One may take the “T” line to the station, walk up the street scape – at the end is the “Masterpiece”.
- **Deborah Doyle**, Marina Branch, mentioned that Marina has a new acting Branch Manager: Larry Peck. On June 17th, IMBIBE offered by the Friends, showed off the Marina Branch with Mary Roach signing autographs on her book “One City, One Book”.

**Friend’s Liaison Report – Deborah Doyle /Katie Ambellan**
- Deborah announced today is her final day at the Friends of the Public Library.
- Katie Ambellan and/or Mary Abler from the Friends will be attending future CNL Meetings.

**Library Commission Report – Sue Blackman /Ellen Egbert**
- At June 16th’s Commission Meeting, items discussed included:
  - Bernal Height Branch Library’s Artwork Project
  - Changes to projected schedule on Golden Gate Valley Branch Library Project.
  - Print Notice Presentation
  - Memo from Deputy City Attorney regarding 150 word summary (minutes from meeting).
- Ellen mentioned that there is an audio version of the Library Commission’s Meeting at the SFPL website which may be accessed at: http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=2000366001
- Ellen also had Martha share a realistic comic by Wendy MacNaughton of her visit to SFPL which can be accessed at: http://therumpus.net/2011/05/meanwhile-the-san-francisco-public-library/ along with a fantastic comic by Mary Roach recognizing “Martha Neves as the kindest Librarian in San Francisco!” Accessed at: http://www.baycitizen.org/drawing-crowds-1/interactive/sfpl-imbibe-mary-roach-library/

**Presidio Branch History and Tour – Megan Anderson (not on agenda)**

- Megan Anderson, Presidio Library Branch Manager took the group on a delightful tour of the branch to wrap up the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**