



San Francisco Public Library

MINUTES
Council of Neighborhood Libraries
May 30, 2013
4:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes
CALL TO ORDER

Edward thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today held at the Fisher Children's Center.

HOUSEKEEPING

- The next regular CNL Meeting will be on **Thursday, June 27, 2013**, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Fisher Children's Center, Main Library 2nd Floor.
- The next Steering Committee Meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 18, 2013**, 4:30 p.m., Sycip Room, 4th Floor - Main Library.
- There are two (2) Library Commission Meetings in June 2013 - **Thursday, June 6** and **June 20** at 4:30 p.m. in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.
- ***Clarice and Charles Moody***, CNL Representative – Ortega Branch Library had volunteered to attend the Commission Meeting on **Thursday, June 6**
- ***Laura Bernabei***, CNL Representative – Ingleside Branch Library had volunteered to attend the Commission Meeting on **Thursday, June 20** .
- Everyone is welcome to attend the Library Commission Meeting!
- **Approval of Minutes**
- Correction on the CNL Meeting minutes from April 2013:
Ruth Maginnis accepted a grant check to cover the library's garden needs at Noe Valley Branch Library.
- Minutes from CNL Meeting, April 2013 were then approved.
- **Announcements:**
- Luis communicated his farewell with warm words for Jill Bourne, appointed to be City Librarian of San Jose. He has been extremely fortunate to have worked with Jill in her 7 year tenure as deputy city librarian.
- Jill responded with honors to have been so lucky to have all the CNL members support as advocates and would love to bring all of them with her. She will miss everyone and thanked all for their support.
- Jill also commended Edward for his incredible work with the Chief of Branches since starting his reign eighteen months ago.

- Warm words from the CNL members were exchanged and Larry Ware thanked Jill from the bottom of his heart with a beautifully, dedicated poem titled “Somewhere, someone said and done something beautiful”.
- Martha Neeve’s scrumptious raspberry almond cream cake and Laura’s divine cookies were enjoyed by all during the farewell to Jill.
- Edward announced the retirement of Lena Chan, Program Manager with BLIP from the Department of Public Works who has worked endlessly with her expertise on the library’s renovation projects to be effective on Friday, June 7.
- Recommendations on the database training may be emailed to Edward @ emelton@sfpl.org or Ellen @ ellenegbert@yahoo.com
- CNL members who have skills that they would like to share may sign up with Josie @ jlee@sfpl.org.
- Summer Reading Program at the Library begins Saturday, June 1.

UPDATES – Luis Herrera

- Luis invited everyone to attend the next Commission Meeting on Thursday, June 6.
- When the Mayor unveils his budget, it is hopeful that he will support the Library Commission’s recommendations on increasing the library budget.

Open Hours Review – Edward Melton

- Edward introduced Michelle Jeffers, Public Relations Officer with Public Relations at SFPL who distributed “Expanded Operating Hours Proposal Recommendations” for all the review.
- The Library Commission will review these recommendations at the Commission Meeting on June 6 and if approved on June 20, will go to the Board of Supervisor for approval. Expanded hours may be implemented by the end of October.
- Updated CNL brochures for branches will be printed in the next fiscal year, which will include the new operating hours at each branch. Eighteen branches have increased their operating hours.
- New brochures will be needed to be developed for: Chinatown, Oceanview and Mission Branch (non-BLIP branches).
- Visitacion Valley, Portola and Mission Bay Branches have been approved to expand extra hours beginning, June 1.
- Ruth Maginnis says that people would ask for a full day on Saturday rather than on Monday at Noe Valley.
- Edward commented that as people express needs for Saturday, recommendations for opening on Monday mornings and a full day on Saturday could be a possibility.
- Charles Moody commented that the hours for Ortega Branch were well thought out in being that people in the community tend to go home before 8pm due to the evening’s fog and cooler temperatures.
- Diane Silver expressed patron’s concern for Park Branch’s loss of hours due to people getting off work late and getting to the library on time before closing.
- Edna James stated that morning hours are preferred at Ocean View Branch because seniors in the neighborhood want to be home by 2pm.

- Nina Youkelson expressed her appreciation for the libraries accommodations on programs going beyond 8pm often ending at 9:00 pm. She felt that libraries are used for other events such as jazz concerts and proves its worth.
- Richard Reineccius recognized libraries are the neighborhood cultural center. Separate entrance for events are also very important.
- Larry Ware thanked all for their hard work and words of support. Patrons in his community know him as the “historian” with a thirst for knowledge as libraries are the fountains of wisdom.
- Marcia Popper thanked the Steering Committee members for sending out links to CNL members.
- Diane Silver read the reports on the links and thought they were well organized and easy to track.
- Miriam Pavis requested the minutes be sent out a week after the meeting.

- One of the action plan goals is the recruitment for CNL member(s) at branches without a member. Martha Neeves and the branch manager will seek opportunities at branch events for future recruitments.

- Edward will also invite action plan individuals to attend CNL meetings to collaborate the action plans.

Friends Liaison Report – Deborah Doyle

- The Friends of the Library raised \$162,000 at the last book sale.
- They are looking forward to continuing their partnership with CNL.

Library Commission Report –Sue Blackman

- The Commission honored Jill and Lena at the Commission Meetings.
- Fines and fees were discussed and approved at the Commission Meeting.
- Open public hours were discussed in length at the Commission Meeting.
- Laura mentioned the wonderful presentation given on the Job Center at the meeting on May 2nd

Additional Announcements – All

- Ruth Maginnis mentioned that Noe Valley’s garden tour attracted many visitors from different districts. They thought the tour was a worthwhile project.
- Nora Youkelson suggested planting a tree in honor of each branch at the Main Library’s empty green space.
- Diane asked about the status of Cathy Delneo, Park branch’s manager.
- Luis responded that Jane Hudson, District Manager is currently supervising Park Branch.

Ellen thanked Edward for all his hard work endured and well done. All applaud.

Edward thanked everyone for coming out to join us today.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Josephine Lee