



San Francisco Public Library

MINUTES
Council of Neighborhood Libraries
June 26, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes
CALL TO ORDER

Martha Neves is the Chair of the meeting today.

Luis Herrera, Michael Lambert and Edward Melton are excused today.

HOUSEKEEPING

- The next regular CNL Meeting will be on **Thursday, July 31, 2014**, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Fisher’s Children Center, 2nd Floor, Main Library
- The next Steering Committee Meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 22, 2014**, 4:30 p.m., Room 601 – Main Library
- The Library Commission scheduled on **Thursday, July 19, 2014 is CANCELLED.**
- The next Library Commission Meeting is on **Thursday, August 21, 2014** at the Bayview Branch Library, 4:30 p.m.
- The following CNL members volunteered to attend Commission Meeting:

Laura Bernabei / Larry Ware - August 21

Nora Dowley - September 18

- Everyone is welcome to attend the Library Commission Meeting!

Announcements:

- **Bayview Re-naming Campaign** – There is a committee working on re-naming the Bayview Branch after **Linda Brooks Burton**. They will present the resolution to the Commission on August 21.
- **New Library Commissioner** – **Dr. Mary Wardell Ghirarduzzi** is the new Commissioner on the Library Commission. She has actively participated in her first commission meeting
- **New Southeast District Manager** – Martha is very happy to announce the new Southeast District Manager: **Alice Chan**, who is the former branch manager from Visitacion Valley. Alice has worked as a Teen Librarian at the Bayview Branch and has also worked at Sunset, Richmond and Parkside Branches. She is an excellent manager and very committed to her job.

Post Occupancy Investment Review Discussion

The group agreed that the “POI” be tabled to the next meeting on July 31, 2014.

ACTION→ Add “Post Occupancy Investment Review Discussion” to July’s CNL Agenda.

Summer Reading Program - Sharing

- **Joan Walton**, Sunset Branch expressed the children’s disappointment in receiving a book bag instead of a pass to a museum as was the prize in the past for reading ten books.
- **Diane Silver**, Park Branch says they are happy with sign-ups from all groups with many new participants. At the Haight Street Fair, there was no signage in the children’s section, causing some confusion as to where the sign ups were taking place.
- The “**Bookmobile**” is considered a “rock star”. Everyone gets excited as it passes by.
- **Larry Ware** shared a tribute to **Linda Brooks Burton** with his brief video on previous times at Bayview.
- **Ellen Egbert** visited “Tree Frog Tuesday” which showcased snakes, lizards, toads and turtles.
- There’s also “legos and robotics” with students from Lowell assisting in hooking up lego robots that actually move.
- **Edna James** questioned how the “food program” was coming along.
- **Martha** said it is very successful at the Excelsior Branch. Tons of kids show up to eat and all the food is distributed in fifteen minutes. Five other branches are also offering the food program.
- **Charles Moody** mentioned the photo book on **Dolson** where he spoke about his journey and adventures across the United States with his son. They were able to develop their photo film in the motel’s bathroom in the evenings. **Dolson** will be conducting a one year study on Spanish kids in the city of Stockton where Charles’ daughter is a sixth grade teacher and also fluent in Spanish.
- **Ellen Egbert** recommended reading on Morales, a wonderful storyteller who is showcased in the glass case on the second floor, just outside the entrance to the children’s library.
- **Jim Van Buskirk** presented his movies at five different branches as part of the Summer Reading Program’s activities.
- **Ruth McGinnis** expressed her sadness in losing “**Irene Lee**” branch manager at Noe Valley to retirement. The branch has a beautiful garden and Ruth hopes SFPL finds another wonderful librarian.
- There is new evidence that “reading to babies from birth improves their cognitive skills”.

Friends Liaison Report – Laurie Berk

Laurie Berk, Development Manager from the Friends reported for Scott Staub and Deborah Doyle She mentioned the following:

- It is the first time in six years that the Friends are ending the fiscal year with no deficit.
- The 50th year book sale is scheduled for September 28
- There will be a summer party for all volunteers on July 16 from 5pm – 7pm at the Friends office,
- 710 Van Ness Avenue. All are welcome to attend. RSVP with Donalda Watson Walkinshaw by calling the Friends at 415. 626-7512 x 120.
- The Neighborhood Library Campaign is still seeking final gifts and outstanding pledges for funding to celebrate the work of BLIP and NLC. All branch libraries will be celebrated including branches that have been completed. All are welcome to attend.

- On November 11, the Cocktail Party Gala Event will be held at the Ritz Carlton. This event is also a fundraising event for the Friends. Mayor Lee will be honored and has agreed to auction items at the event.
- The Friends would like any thoughts and input on how people would like to celebrate the libraries. Since they are still in the planning stage, they are open to any suggestions.

Examples have included:

1. A passport to visit all branches offering a stamp and prize for each branch visit.
 2. Walking or bike tours to visit the branches.
- Larry Ware suggested the mayor honor all branch managers and staff at their branches for working through all the difficult times
 - Martha mentioned that Scott and Donalda presented a beautiful brochure holder to each branch to showcase the Friend's and branch brochures.
 - There is also a pizza party offered to the branch which brings in the highest amount of new memberships for the Friends.

Library Commission Report – Sue Blackman

Sue and Ellen reported that there was a good discussion on the Codes and Conducts with the Homeless Coalition. The topic is an ongoing discussion and will be looked into further by the Commission.

ACTION→ Charles Moody would like to know the results of the Code and Conducts discussion.

Adjournment: 5:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Josephine Lee