

SAN FRANCISCO LIBRARY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 05

RESOLUTION URGING THE ARTS COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE DE-ACCESSIONING AND DEMOLITION OF THE BRICK SCULPTURE ON THE ENTRY WALL OF THE CURRENT BAYVIEW/ANNA E. WADEN BRANCH LIBRARY

WHEREAS, On June 19, 2008 and August 21, 2008, after studying the options of renovation, relocation, or construction of a new building, the San Francisco Public Library Commission approved the plan to purchase the adjacent storefront, tear down the existing library building, and construct a new Bayview Branch Library for the community; and

WHEREAS, The new one story Bayview Branch Library will measure approximately 9,000 square feet, and include expanded children, adults, and teen areas; two enclosed study rooms; an inner courtyard; increased space for collections; a green roof and solar panels; public art; more functional staff areas; and a program room with afterhours access for community meetings; and

WHEREAS, The plans for the new Bayview Branch Library were developed with extensive community participation that included five community meetings at the current branch about the options, design, & public art; five public meetings of the Library Commission; two public meetings at the Arts Commission about public art; two public meetings of the Arts Commission Civic Design Review Committee; and more than three public discussions with local organizations such as the Bayview Hunters Point PAC and the Bayview Hunters Point Community Conveners meetings; and

WHEREAS, The plans for the new Bayview Branch Library include public art by Ron Saunders in the interior, etched history panels on the exterior, and art sponsored by the Koshland Fellows in the courtyard; and

WHEREAS, The existing library has a brick sculpture on the entry wall which was created by artist Jacques Overhoff as part of the building designed by the firm of John S. Bolles & Associates; and

WHEREAS, Because the existing library will be torn down, four options have been identified for the brick sculpture including 1) keep it in its current location and build the new library around it, 2) install it in the new library building, 3) have it removed and relocated, or 4) have it demolished along with the building; and

WHEREAS, The plans for the new Bayview Branch Library are in the construction documents phase of design, removing the brick sculpture and/or relocating it within the new library building would likely impact the budget and schedule of the project; and

WHEREAS, After careful consultation with the community, the project architects, and Arts Commission staff, the Library Department staff has determined that the preferred option is to remove the brick sculpture; and

WHEREAS, Under Charter Section 5.103 the Arts Commission must approve the removal of any works of art in their Civic Arts Collection; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Library Commission directs staff to initiate the legal 90 day notice process which gives the artist an opportunity to claim and remove the brick sculpture at their own cost; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Commission urges the Arts Commission, in the event that the artist or another party does not remove the brick sculpture, to de-accession the piece and approve the demolition of the

sculpture in conjunction with the demolition of the current Bayview/Anna E.
Waden Branch Library.

Approved on: October 1, 1009

By a vote of: 7-0

AYES: Chin, Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Lee, Munson, Ono

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Blackman". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Sue Blackman
Library Commission Secretary