



# *San Francisco Public Library*

## **SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2013**

#### **(Approved as amended at the Commission meeting of April 4, 2013)**

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2013 in the Koret Auditorium Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm.

Commissioners present: Gomez, Lee, Munson, and Randlett

Commissioner Nguyen arrived at 4:41 pm.

Commissioners excused: Mall and Ono

Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary, welcomed new Commissioner John Lee and announced that the Mayor had also appointed Commissioner Susan Mall, who will be at the next meeting. She also congratulated Commissioners Nguyen and Ono on their reappointments, and thanked Commissioner Kane for his service on the Commission.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

An anonymous citizen said he is shocked to see that we have a new Commissioner. He said if the Mayor made a swearing in without public notice there is going to be a problem. He said the summaries are now included in the Minutes because the City Librarian was not willing to stand up to the Ethics Commission. He said it would be nice if the Commission had done the decent thing. He said someday soon they will force you to provide access to the graphics to the public.

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Stop the Hate & Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends of the Library. "Maybe what you should do is what they used to do in the old Roman Republic – elect Ms. Gomez for the position of dictator for life and then at least the rest of us would have the

hope an assassination might result in a change of leadership.” If the Mayor swore in Commissioners without a public announcement that is a problem. The minutes now include summaries. The City Librarian was unwilling represent as reasonable the nonsense that he feeds you. Every change came that way. I attend these meetings, am allowed to speak and have documents because someone was not willing to risk reputations on the lies you tell the public. This is the hate and ignorance I am talking about. Wouldn't it be better if you recognized fairness and humanity, and valued the least of your fellow humans?

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said welcome to the new Commissioner. He said the new commissioners might do well to learn something about the library's history and one of its unfortunate aspects is that it does not tell the Commission a great deal of what is going on. He said for that you very often have to do your own research or listen to the folks who come before you at the Library Commission meetings. He said there is no mention on the agenda of the Ethics Commission meeting, which had to do with the 150 word summaries within the minutes, which the Library has refused to include in the body of the minutes. He said the Ethics Commission heard the Library claim that there would be a new format for the Minutes which he has never heard the Commission discuss or seen it on any agenda. He said your own positions are comprised when it comes to service to the public because you have not pressed for having a New Business section on the agenda. He said he hopes the new Commissioners will have some interest in that. He said the City Librarian responded to a request by a member of the public to allow access to the graphics and that is an important omission on this agenda.

### **ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR 2013**

Commissioner Randlett nominated Jewelle Gomez for President and Lee Munson for Vice-President for 2013.

#### **Public Comment**

An anonymous citizen said he is sure that you have informed your new Commissioner that this has been the third time that Ms. Gomez has been reelected president after the Ethics Commission unanimously found her guilty of official misconduct. He said Ms. Gomez' presidency is a beacon for how corrupt the Commission is. He said what the Commission has never realized is that admitting how corrupt you are gives you no leverage for your corruption. He said you might as well keep a president who is guilty of misconduct because it works for both of us.

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Stop the Hate & Ignorance – Don't give money to or accept money from the Friends of the Library. Ms. Gomez has been reelected three times after being unanimously found guilty of official misconduct by the Ethics Commission. Her presidency should remain undisturbed as a beacon of how corrupt you are. Her successors would claim it was an attempt to clean up your act. You should have to admit that Ms. Gomez really does represent you. You have never realized that having admitted how corrupt you are, you have no leverage for your corruption. Everyone sees you coming, even the Ethics Commission. A "con" man, is short for "confidence" man. A sleazy salesman says, "Hi, neighbor." You prove how tough you are, but you are exposed. It reveals how little respect you have for the law, for decency and for your own reputations. A president guilty of official misconduct works for both of us.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the customary thing is to have an election with some competition or at the very least statements from the nominees. He said in another place the Commissioners have decided to stay quiet and not discuss anything substantive giving the appearance of public action when in fact decisions are not being made publicly or freely. He said the nominee for chair shouted down a member of the public who had come to speak about an item that was on the agenda and this display included literally shouting her down multiple times until she gave up speaking. He said this person was a member of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and knew her rights. He said others, including himself, came up immediately and alerted the Commission and the President that this was not the right thing under the law. He said the Sunshine Task Force with the recusal of that member voted unanimously that this was a willful violation of the law and ultimately the Ethics Commission sent a letter to the Mayor and then a follow up letter asking the Mayor to sack your President as a member of the Library Commission. He said the message you send if you reelect Jewelle Gomez will be one of lawlessness, one of contempt for the law, and one of contempt for the public. He said he urges the Commission to do otherwise.

#### Commission Discussion

Motion: By Commissioner Randlett, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen to approve the nomination of Jewelle Gomez as President and Lee Munson as Vice-President for 2013.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Lee, Munson, Nguyen, and Randlett)

Commissioner Randlett said she understands the opinions that have been expressed here and that there has been some action that has been taken, but she is basing her nomination on the work that she has seen from the President and Vice-President from the time she has been on the Commission.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 EXCELSIOR BRANCH LIBRARY ACTION GROUP BEAUTIFICATION ART PROJECT**

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this item came before the Commission in October and the Excelsior Action Group made a presentation on their efforts to revitalize the San Francisco Excelsior Neighborhood's Commercial Corridor.

Rebecca Alcala, Excelsior Branch Manager and Nicole Agbayani, Corridor Manager for the Excelsior Action Group, gave a presentation on the Excelsior Library Beautification Project.

Nicole Agbayani said that the Excelsior Action Group (EAG) has been in existence since 2002 and they have done neighborhood murals, installed a community parklet, and the most recent project is to install a seating and greening installation in front of the Excelsior Library and an arts panel installation on the Cotter Street wall.

Rebecca Alcala said there has been a problem with graffiti on the walls at the Excelsior Branch. She said 236 community members signed a petition in favor of beautifying the library and there was a community workshop and community input on developing the art panels.

Nicole Agbayani explained the project elements and showed the first round of art panels by Zoe Ani, Nico Berry, Matt Christenson, Michael Hall and Katherine Kodama. She said there has been an agreement with each of the artists with explicit language that all the rights to the art work have been signed over to the EAG and additionally the agreement states that the EAG's Beautification Committee, the San Francisco Arts Commission and the San Francisco Library Commission will determine the locations for the completed art panels. She said the theme for the panels is Green the Excelsior through art. She explained the project elements of the greening and seating portion of the project and showed proposed designs. She said the design considerations taken into account include the budget of \$8,000; maintenance; prevention of certain behaviors like loitering, smoking and graffiti; and finally the greening was to be cohesive with the art panels. She explained the scope of work for the greening and seating portion of the project. She said at the request of the Library Commission in October they did enter into an MOU between the City Library, SF Clean City Coalition and the EAG that outlines maintenance and procedures for removal of art panels. She said the budget is from a \$22,000 community challenge grant including \$8,000 for Greening, \$14,000 for Art Panels and in kind support, pro bono design from Architecture for Humanity and pro bono construction management.

Rebecca Alcala said they are hoping for approval from the Library Commission and then would move forward to the San Francisco Arts Commission Visual Arts Committee for approval with construction to begin hopefully in early summer, 2013.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there has been a real community engagement and ownership of this project.

Explanatory Document: [Excelsior Branch Library Action Group Beautification Art Project](#) presentation.

#### Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this is his neighborhood and it needs it to be greened with art. He said this is very busy intercity sidewalk. He said beautification is good, but this is a challenged neighborhood and restricting the sidewalk in this way is a mixed blessing.

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Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give money to, or accept money from the Friends of the Library. This is very nice – I state that with some cynicism. This is my neighborhood and it needs to be greened with art. Wouldn't it be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics. If the citizens had use of the graphics, you might realize this is not a nice project being put in a suburb. You might see the tattoo parlor and the automotive garage next door. It is a very active narrow urban sidewalk and you might see what it means when you crowd people out of it. These private little groups getting some money might be good, but this is a challenged neighborhood and such restrictions are a mixed blessing. This is a complex issue and there is no study of traffic patterns or anything.

A resident of the Excelsior community said she is pleased to say she has been involved with this project as a resident and a frequent user of the library. She said in the morning there are people sitting on the sidewalk waiting to get into the library. She said this is going to be a great thing for the library. She said there has been a lot of public input and they look forward to the Commission's approval.

Another resident of the Excelsior said she works in the Tenderloin and both neighborhoods are important to the city. She said the Excelsior library is a great library. She said the project adds beautification to the outside of the Library. She said it adds greenery in a neighborhood that needs it. She said this is a route school kids take. She said it is a positive thing and will provide a positive experience.

Nico Berry, said he is one of the artists and a homeowner in the Excelsior District. He said he has two daughters who go to the library all of the time. He said this will be a great thing for people to have more pride in the neighborhood. He said there was input from the community to help come up with the design. He said he is excited about the greening aspect as well.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said there are a couple of difficulties with respect to the process. He said he doesn't believe the

Library Commission has had as active a role as it should nor has the general public. He said he thinks it is a mistake to treat library branches as property of localized groups. He said if we said let's have City Hall decorated by the people that live within three blocks that there would be a lot of support. He said he has heard that the plans were presented but he has not heard about public participation, specifically about meetings that were announced with agendas, minutes, etc. He said there are no people or no words in the art work. He said there is a blind spot because the MOU that has been signed has not been included in the packets. He said there is a wood and glass bulletin board referenced and he asked if that will be in the library's control.

Katherine Kodama said she is thrilled to be one of the five artists chosen for the Excelsior Library Beautification Project. She said the Excelsior Library is her home library and is located between her home and where she works in the Excelsior. She said she loves the library and is a member of the Friends of the Library. She said she is honored to be among this group of incredibly talented artists. She said she is especially excited about the rotating gallery. She said she is excited that the artists have different viewpoints. She said her work is usually about trees and the one that was chosen is showing trees posing as the famous painting Washington Crossing the Delaware.

Pearl Howell said she is a 30-year resident of the Excelsior and she attended some of the community meetings. She said she is excited about the idea of a rotating gallery. She said it will be a wonderful thing to have.

Roseanne Harris said she is a member of the Excelsior Action Group. She said she loves the library and she would much rather walk on a street that has trees on it than one that has litter. She said she would like the Commission to give the Excelsior Library a chance.

John Carroll said he considers himself a member of the Excelsior community. He said he is excited about the project primarily because of the greening. He said the Excelsior lacks many of the trees found in other areas. He said greening the Excelsior library will make it friendlier and bring people to the area. He said he is excited about a project that has the chance to eliminate graffiti.

#### Commission Discussion

President Gomez said thank you to the artists for the wonderful pieces. She said thank you to Nicole and Rebecca for responding to some of the questions the Commissioners asked at the last meeting.

Commissioner Nguyen thanked the presenters for their exuberance about the project. He asked about the depth of the sidewalk.

The architect said the depth of the recessed bay is about 3' and it is about 12' deep.

Commissioner Nguyen asked about how the walls will be watered. Nicole Agbayani said there is a maintenance agreement with the Recreation and Parks Department to make sure the greening on this project is watered regularly.

Commissioner Munson asked about the funding for the project.

Rebecca Alcala said the project is funded through a grant from the City Administrator's Office. She said there is no library funding of the project.

Commissioner Randlett said she assumes the Department of Public Works has signed off on this. She said thank you to everyone involved in this project. She said she was very happy to have the artists at the meeting. She said she is wholeheartedly in support of this project.

Commissioner Nguyen said he is pleased by the whole presentation.

President Gomez asked about the security of the artwork and the seating in the area.

Nicole Agbayani said once the artwork is installed we will see how we have to work with it based on our security guidelines. She said some people bring their own stools now and the seating will probably be used in that way. She said she hopes the bench will be more welcoming for patrons to use.

The architect said they did take security into consideration when designing the benches and they are just wide enough to sit on comfortably but not wide enough to sleep on. She said they are also staggered.

Commissioner Nguyen asked about the LEED certification on this building.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said this was the first project in the BLIP program so there was no LEED certification available at that time. She said they may go back and have this building reassessed for LEED certification.

Motion: By Commissioner Randlett, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the Excelsior Library Beautification Project as it has been presented and to forward it to the Arts Commission for action.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Lee, Munson, Nguyen, and Randlett)

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 LIBRARY'S E-COLLECTIONS**

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Commission requested a more in-depth presentation on our e-Collections.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technical Services, said managing the e-Collections is like surfing in that so many things are changing so fast every day. She said the e-Collections serve a public that is about half highly literate and half low literate. She said there is an eLibrary tab on the website and she explained what types of material are available. She showed charts showing comparisons of eCollections and physical collections and eBooks and eMedia usage for FY 2012.

Trent Garcia, Electronic/Digital Librarian, described SFPL's eBook and eMedia platforms. He described the new eBook platform Axis 360. He said all of the resources are searchable from our on-line catalog. He said the library is working with Califa to create its own eBook platform. He said there are two new platforms that they are also looking at, Midwest Tape's Hoopla and Zinio. He said some other content includes Green Planet, International languages, expanding eLearning, focus on jobs and careers. He explained some transitions and additions.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technical Services, described collection management and digitizing library content. She said there are access and outreach challenges. She said staff and public training continues to be very important.

Explanatory Document: [e-collections update](#) presentation

#### Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said on one of the previous items one of the commissioners offered an explanation and that was for the benefit of the new commissioner because the library never offers an explanation. He said the presenter said there are apples and oranges issues and the trouble is that is an American idiom to express that there is no analogy. He said there is no explanation of the percentages given on page one for college graduates and those who read below the eighth-grade level. He said the graphs show that books and eCollections both went up but if you look at the allocations, money spent on the physical collection went down.

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Stop the Hate & Ignorance – Don't give money to, or accept money from the Friends of the Library. The explanation was for the benefit of the new commissioner. The library never offers an explanation. Wouldn't it be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics. The explanatory document is a PowerPoint and there is no other information. I appreciate Commissioner Nguyen's encouragement to be more enthusiastic. The phrase used by the speaker, "apples and oranges" is an American idiom to express that there is no analogy. I hope you will take that literally and recognize that your intelligence is being insulted. Page one states, 53% of San Franciscan are college graduates and 47% read below the eighth-grade level. That is not what is meant, but there is no explanation of what is meant. Usage figures with allocations



over five years suggest that books increasing with reduced allocations are more cost effective.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is glad they are having some presentation and some discussion about this because there is a great deal to be talked about. He said there are many problems with eCollections and the cost effectiveness. He said the eCollection size is tiny and there is no indication when you are searching the eCollections that there is a larger and richer collection in other eCollections and in the books and materials in the catalog. He said collection searching is a travesty. He said there are ownership restrictions and privacy questions that have not been discussed. He said books are way more popular relative to expenditures. He said usage comparisons are meaningless. He said money for eCollections has doubled and the book allocation has been cut 12%. He said the lesson of that is stick with books, which are not only popular but cost effective.

#### Commission Discussion

Commissioner Nguyen asked about the geographic location available for downloading material.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technical Services, said our licensed eResources require authentication when you first use them so they can be used wherever you have access to the website.

Commissioner Nguyen asked about the borrowing period of eBooks.

Laura Lent said for most eBooks and eMedia there is some kind of a borrowing period usually three weeks.

Commissioner Nguyen asked about copyright protections.

Trent Garcia, Electronic/Digital Librarian, said all of the titles that we purchase come with DRM or digital rights management, which is the industry standard, so they are heavily protected.

Commissioner Nguyen asked about the future of primary sources and the potential of class divides and the access to the internet and technology.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said we are embarking on a lot of digitalization projects so the access is expanded.

Commissioner Randlett said the digital divide is being addressed by additional training of staff and the public and recognizing that the Department has to focus on broadening our usage.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said it is still about promoting reading and access to information.

Commissioner Nguyen said many families do not have computers or internet access and he just wants to make sure that that is on the table and being considered.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said we are concerned that there are some publishers who are not providing content to public libraries, which means the only access is by people purchasing the content.

Trent Garcia, Electronic/Digital Librarian, said we are providing the content in several different formats.

Commissioner Lee said he wanted to clarify that the circulation of books is higher than the eCollections. He asked about the turnover rate of various items.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technology, said physical books are still our primary brand. She said that includes all of the physical library items that can circulate. She said the return rate varies because physical items can be returned early. She said for some of the platforms the circulation period varies.

Commissioner Lee asked about the catalog and how the search reflects the eCollection and the physical collection.

President Gomez said that books come up first in the search.

Commissioner Randlett said that maybe there should be a note at the top of the search page that states if there are both physical and eBooks available.

Commissioner Lee asked about Inter-Library Loan.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technology said there is Inter-Library Loan for the physical collection but not for the eCollection at this time.

Commissioner Lee asked about the available on-line courses and whether they are part of the eCollection.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technology said that she does see the role of the library is to help our patrons identify the best eCourses that are available for free.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said we are very excited about the evolution of eLearning because we have a staff committee that monitors that to see what is available. He said it is very much a part of our digital strategy.

Commissioner Randlett asked if beyond the staff in the library you have an outside reference point to review how the library is doing in this area.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technology said one of the things we do is look at what other major libraries are adopting and we share a lot of information with other libraries.

Commissioner Randlett said that she would be interested in basic classes for the Commissioners as an education for the Commissioners. She said maybe beyond what other libraries are doing a different perspective would be helpful. She said she appreciates some of the questions from the public because it is important to be measured on some of these things because we are a public service doing the best we can. She said she would suggest to the public making comments that they are making them with the best intentions and she said user feedback would be helpful.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said one of the things that cannot be overlooked is that we have made a concerted effort to invest in our eResources and our collections. He said we are pleased to offer a very robust collection in response to community needs.

Commissioner Munson said there are so many new things happening that he wonders if there is an on-line service telling us what is out there.

Laura Lent, Chief of Collections and Technology, said we get a lot of contacts from local companies and stay in close touch with other libraries. She said in person classes are really critical.

Commissioner Randlett left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that every six months or so we provide an update on our partnership with the Department of Public Health and the Police Department.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, gave a presentation on the public safety program. He said Leah Esguerra is our Social Worker onsite at the Main Library and she has also expanded her scope to try to help out with some of the branch libraries. He said the partnership with the San Francisco Police Department allows us to have Sgt. Patrick Kwan with us and allows us to expand our security staff training. He gave some statistics on activities by the social worker and on the impact the partnership with the Department of Public Health (DPH) has had. He explained the training and consultation services that have been provided by DPH. He explained some of the statistics on Main Library incidents as well as the branch library incidents. He went over some of the safety program take-aways. He said the Civic Center area requires sustained commitment and there has been increased focus on Branch security, increased staff training opportunities and the social worker program serves as a national model in libraries.

Cathy Nyhan, Manager Herb Caen Magazines and Newspapers Center, gave a presentation on the Center. She said the Center is on the Fifth

Floor of the Main Library. She gave an overview of the Center. She said the Center has classes, programs and is conducting a digitization project. She said the Center has unique partnerships including one with Animal Care and Control Department where they provide old newspapers to line the cages for the animals. She said they have received a grant to offer iPads to users so that they can peruse various magazines. She said they want to expand the obituary project to birth and marriage announcements and they want to digitize older magazines and newspapers with a California focus.

Explanatory documents: [Public Safety](#) presentation and [Magazines and Newspapers Center](#) presentation.

#### Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said it may be old news now but the City Librarian had a bet with the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore that he would have to read *The Raven* in the Main Library if the 49ers lost the Super Bowl. He said the City Librarian changed the terms and decided to read the poem when the library was closed. He said the other items on public safety and the Magazines and Newspapers Center should have been separate items. He said there is no mention of the Community Benefit District except that they are partners in the public safety report.

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Stop the Hate & Ignorance – Don't give money to, or accept money from the Friends of the Library. Our City Librarian had a bet with the head of the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore. Mr. Herrera would recite Poe's *The Raven* if Baltimore won the Super Bowl against Ms. Hayden reciting George Sterling's *The Cool Grey City of Love*. *The Raven* is four times longer and I don't know of anyone who thought San Francisco was a four to one favorite. The bet was to recite it in the middle of the Library. Mr. Herrera redefined his terms and read it when the library was closed. The other items deserve to be separate items. Regarding public safety, last year Mr. Lombardi was bragging about improvement and now, to his credit, seems to recognize that the bare numbers tell us very little. There is no evaluation of the Community Benefit District, except they share information.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he wished these were separate items. He said according to the presenter the disturbances calendar includes things such as acting impolitely and that incidents include such things as smoking. He said he would like included complaints about the abysmally filthy condition of the toilets which would provide some safety to the public not to slip on wet floors that need to be mopped and dried more frequently. He said the Magazines and Newspapers Center is a wonderful resource, which most people using the library sooner or later will be using. He said the snazzy machinery that is able to scan and send imagery is very problematic and he would be

happy to see those go to the Animal Pound. He said he has often had to have help from the librarians to get those machines to work. He said periodicals are only getting a 6% increase in the budget and he would like to thank the new Commissioner for asking questions about the catalog.

#### Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lee asked about suspension of patrons.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a process for suspension depending on the severity of the incident from one day to one year. He said there is a protocol that provides due process for any suspension.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the suspensions are based on the Guidelines for Library Use. She said the incident reports are sometimes shared with staff. She said sometimes a patron is suspended from only one branch and other more severe incidents might be for the whole system.

Commissioner Nguyen asked if there are protocols for making sure suspended patrons are not using resources online.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the suspension is for a patron who violated a rule in the physical space and therefore the suspension is for access to the physical space.

Commissioner Lee asked about the training program for security issues.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said the training helps the staff to diffuse incidents as much as possible. He said the priority is to maintain a safe environment no matter what. He said one of the benefits of the training is to instill some patience and sensitivity in the staff.

President Gomez said the Main Library is in such a core area and she really appreciates how difficult it is to maintain security here. She said she wanted to thank Leah for her work in helping people find the services they need.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the scanners in the Magazine and Newspaper Center are a little complicated but they are phenomenal in what they can do.

President Gomez asked about the obituaries.

Cathy Nyhan, Manager Herb Caen Magazines and Newspapers Center, said the obituaries go back to the mid 19th century.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 LABOR UNION REPORT**

There was no Labor Union Report at this meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2013**

**Public Comment**

An anonymous citizen said these minutes are much nicer and it didn't kill you. He said the online minutes have references to explanatory documents that are not visible on the print version. He said shouldn't we be working toward a time when he can begin his comments with thank you for the fairness and humanity instead of stop the hate stop the ignorance, don't give money to, or accept money from the Friends of the Library. He said when his citizen summaries were at the end of the minutes they were broken up in paragraphs, but when it is attached here it is conglomerated into one paragraph. He said Mr. Hartz's comments on page 17 there is an open quote and two closed quotes.

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Stop the Hate & Ignorance – Don't give money to, or accept money from the Friends of the Library. It is not time to go home. The online minutes refer to explanatory documents not visible on the print version. It is serious that people who rely on the print version have the same access. These minutes are much nicer and it didn't kill you. My summaries start with "Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance." Following Commissioner Randlett's suggestion, shouldn't we be working toward being able to begin my public comment with "Thank you for the Fairness, and the Humanity"? What do I have to complain about? Originally my summaries were laid out in paragraphs by topic for clarity. Now they are agglomerated into one paragraph. I know the Secretary is under pressure from the Friends to put my comments in 7-point type and this is a compromise. There is duplication on page 4.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said for the benefit of the new Commissioner, minutes are usually taken up earlier in the meeting so that those that might have missed what happened at prior meetings would be brought up prior to ongoing discussions and that is where the minutes should be. He said with respect to the actual content, these minutes are the new format, which you have never discussed. He said they are fuller minutes and they do include 150 word summaries after a long battle at the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and going to the Ethics Commission. He said it had to be done in order to satisfy the law. He said when someone submits a summary that contains paragraphs those paragraphs should be retained. He said on page 13 Commissioner Kane's complaints about the bathroom are noted. He said on page 15 there was an exchange with Michael Liang regarding the kiosks. He said there had been no cost benefit analysis and no sense of the cost or demonstrated need.

## Commission Discussion

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen to approve the [Minutes of January 17, 2013](#) as amended to correct a typographical error on page 4 under the 150 word summary by the anonymous citizen where a sentence had been repeated.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Gomez, Lee, Munson, and Nguyen)

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 ADJOURNMENT**

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said it has been the unspoken tradition of the Library Commission to honor those who have died and adjourn in memory of them. He said you should not adjourn without having some comment about the lack of a new business item or any item that will allow the Commissioners or the public to suggest items they would like to have placed on a future agenda.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to adjourn the regular meeting of March 7, 2013.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Gomez, Lee, Munson, and Nguyen)

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Sue Blackman  
Commission Secretary

Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the commission secretary/custodian of records, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Main Library; (2) in the rear of Koret Auditorium immediately prior to, and during, the meeting; and (3), to the extent possible, on the Public Library's website <http://sfpl.org>. Additional materials not listed as explanatory documents on this agenda, if any, that are distributed to library commissioners prior to or during the meeting in connection with any agenda item will be available to the public for inspection and copying in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.1 and Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.9, 67.28(b), and 67.28(d).