



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2011

(As approved at the July 21, 2011 regular meeting)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2011, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Munson, and Ono

Commissioners excused: Nguyen and Randlett

Commissioner Kane arrived at 4:40 pm.

President Gomez announced that item number 4 the Bond Program Manager's Report will be trailed to the end of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous citizen said his essay on the Community Benefit District was published by Counterpoise, a national library publication. He said Commissioners Kane and Breyer have made suggestions regarding the Minutes that the Library Commission might be reasonable. He said Commissioner Kane asked if the Commission was following the Sunshine Task Force's recommendation and was told that it was when you were not. He said later Commissioner Kane suggested that the wording be changed to read "See Addendum in the minutes." He said that was followed once and then ignored. He said Commissioner Breyer was told the Library Commission adopted this policy when it did not. He said the Commission resists change that would benefit the public. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Sue Cauthen said she wanted to thank Commissioner Breyer and the new Commissioners for their insightful questions. She said she is a member of the Sunshine Task Force and she has volunteered her time all these years because she truly believes in public participation and our

First Amendment rights. She said she is disappointed when she sees a member of the Commission speaking contemptuously of the Sunshine Ordinance and she hopes it was an anomaly.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said he appreciates the questions that have been asked by some of the Commissioners but it is unfortunate that they do not receive straight answers. He said an example is the question of the time limits on computers and saving documents from the computer. He said when you don't have computers that allow saving on them that is a problem.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said the common definition of fiduciary duty is 'the legal duty of a fiduciary to act in the best interests of the beneficiary.' He said despite numerous calls for a clear accounting of the funds raised by the Friends no such accounting has been produced. He said either the Commission knows the numbers or those numbers do not reflect well on either the Friends or the Commission or worse they don't know the exact numbers. He said if the numbers were a real benefit to the Library they would have been produced. He said the Commission should ask for a complete accounting from the Friends or the Commission should admit its failure to live up to its fiduciary responsibility to oversee the Friends. He said the last accounting by the Friends listed a gross income of over \$5 million. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 BERNAL HEIGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY ARTWORK PROJECT

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a [memo to the Commission](#) describing the background and he gave a presentation on the [Bernal Mural](#). He said the community had a mediation process initiated by Supervisor Campos. He said the [Statement of Consensus](#) from that group is also available as well as a [Presentation of the Bernal Heights Branch Library](#). He introduced Gia Grant who has been leading the project conversation.

Gia Grant said she came on as project manager late last year and put out a call for artists. She said they received six applications and three were chosen. She said subsequently one has dropped out. She said Precita Eyes took the lead on the Cortland side and Reuben Rude on the Moultrie side, but they are working together so that it would be unified. She said they are also working on the backside of the building as well. She said the project will be done in mosaic and tile.

Larry Cruz said he was representing the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center on the Task Force. He said there were two community meetings attended by more than 100 people.

Gia Grant said they heard from people in the community that it was very important to have some of the images from the original mural in the new artwork. She said there are no design drawings yet for the back side

because it was a phased project and that it will be brought back to the Library Commission and Art Commission once it is finalized.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that this meeting is informational and it will be brought back for action at the July 21, 2011 meeting. He said the Commission's role is to endorse this project but ultimately the approval of the artwork will be done by the Arts Commission in August. He said this will be paid for primarily through private fundraising and grants and a commitment for up to \$25,000 from the paint portion of the building for the project.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this has been a long and interesting controversy. He said there is a mural that is not part of the library although it looks like it is. He said there is a hopeful statement in the Consensus that fifty years from now people will honor our contribution. He said an essential aspect of that is that you have to honor what people did fifty years ago because they had the same hope. He said he is pleased this had a happy resolution, and his thanks to all concerned. (See Addendum for a 150 word statement submitted by the speaker.)

Ellen Egbert, Bernal resident and Bernal Library user. She said nobody is going to be happier to see this resolved than she is. She said it has been going on for years and years. She said most residents are ecstatic about the beautiful new interior of the branch but she thinks most residents are embarrassed by the exterior. She said communication in the community has been very limited. She said the artwork and the description only went up two days ago. She said she is concerned about how the building prep will be handled. She had questions about the quantity and quality of the tiles. She said the bronze relief of the book is to be 12' long and that will be very heavy but she hopes it does not get stolen.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is surprised to hear from the previous speaker that the public has only seen the artwork two days ago. He said he is disappointed that the front of the building is missing some elements from the previous mural. He said the Spanish language on the front has been noted in the past as a highlight to the mural. He said he hopes the Commission will ask specific questions and get some specific answers.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said he would hope the Commission would not take any action on this item today. He said the drawings have only been available to the public within the last couple days. He said the process has been long and contentious. He said he understood that the Friends of the Library have committed \$16,000 to the project and he would like to see if that will be included in the total budget for the project.

Beth Roy said she was the mediator for the process. She said for her it was the best of San Francisco and the controversy was heated and went

beyond issues that had to do with art such as class and race. She said the outcome has produced the artwork before the Commission. She said she is glad there will be a second meeting and glad that the community has had an opportunity to come together and discuss some of these issues.

Rosanne Liggett said the committee worked under a great deal of duress. She said the committee had some flaws that it was heavily weighted from people from the neighborhood center and excluded people who had worked in the library as volunteers. She said the artwork is a result of that imbalance. She said the artwork needs some adjusting and she hopes the committee will be open to hearing criticism and comment. She would like to see more than one choice and possibly different artists. She said she does not like the artwork for the front of the building and said it is incongruent with the design of the building.

Sheila Chung Hagen, Legislative Aide to Supervisor David Campos, said she is also a Bernal Heights resident. She said when this issue first came to the Supervisor's office it was clear as Beth Roy said that it was about much more than art work. She said Supervisor Campos spent dozens of hours involved in the mediation. She said what is important is that the process has been inclusive. She said we will be able to add additional input from the community and she hopes the Commission will continue to support the project and they hope that the Arts Commission will as well.

A woman from the audience said she does not see any women in the artwork. She said she thinks it is ugly.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane thanked everyone who has been involved in this effort. He said his understanding is that it is the Arts Commission that will approve the artwork going on the library and the Library Commission will approve the expenditure of \$25,000 from the painting budget towards the project.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said he thinks the Arts Commission will look to an endorsement by the Library Commission of the project before they take action. He said yes the Commission will have to approve the expenditure. He said the action of the Library Commission would be to allow or endorse the project going on the building.

Commissioner Kane said he would defer to the community and the Arts Commission on the artwork. He asked if the Library would have to maintain whatever artwork is on the building.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said maintenance is an issue that should be discussed.

Gia Grant said the mosaic tile will last twice as long as a mural. She said as part of the grants to fund the project there is a built in maintenance

plan and the Bernal Business Association have committed to taking an active role in maintaining the artwork.

Commissioner Munson had questions about the artwork. He said if the community really wants this, that is fine, but he thinks it is a little strange.

Commissioner Ono said she is concerned about the process. She said it looks like there has not been a lot of time for the community to look at it. She asked about the committee and how the outreach about the public meetings was done.

Gia Grant said over 100 people participated in the process. She said the artists were selected by the committee. She said the prep work is largely built into the budget for the project.

Larry Cruz responded to comments from Commissioner Munson and said there was a tremendous amount of acrimony on both sides of the issue. One side wanted no mural on the building and the other side felt that their own history was being erased. He said there was a decision to have both side represented. He said this mediation was an incredible way of bringing people together. He said the committee is still meeting every two weeks to discuss all of the issues.

President Gomez said it is not clear that any women are incorporated in the artwork. She said she would like to know more about security.

Gia Grant said they will be working with the library on how the book will be affixed and the security for it. She said there are mechanisms for people to respond with there comments.

Commissioner Breyer said all of the neighborhood groups should be contacted.

Gia Grant said it will come back to the Commission in July and then go to the Arts Commission on August 1.

President Gomez said she commends the committee, Beth Roy and everyone involved in this process for their hard work.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. BRANCH LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE CHANGE

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that there is a [memo](#) before the Commission asking for a schedule change for the Golden Gate Valley Branch Library. She said the approved schedule shows the opening June 2011. She said they are requesting a three month schedule change so that the branch will open in September 2011 due to unforeseen site conditions requiring additional excavation, shoring and foundation work.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said it would be nice to know more details about the soil conditions that caused the delay and why exactly it has caused a three month delay.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said further specificity would be helpful. He said the memo says one of the causes of the delay is “the demolition of the existing foundation discovered during construction.” He said this does not make sense to him. He said the memo does not say what the cost impacts are that are being covered by the project contingency budget. He said he hopes the Commission will ask some questions

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said Commissioner Ono in the past has asked whether we are learning anything when these changes occur. He said either we will learn something in this process that will help us in this process or not and to do that we need more specificity. He said it would be nice to know what the contingency fund is and how these changes are affecting the funds.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson said there is a contingency fund for each branch and asked about the amount.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that the contingency is usually between 10 and 15%. She said the contingency has been raised to cover any unforeseen expenditures.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that as projects are closed out money left over from the contingencies will be transferred into the reserve.

Commissioner Munson said he would like more information on the contingency for each project.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the schedule change of three months for the Golden Gate Valley Branch Library.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. CITY LIBRARIANS’S REPORT

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a [memo](#) from Alicia Cabrera, Deputy City Attorney, in response to a question from the Commission regarding the 150 word summary in the Minutes. He said the memo quotes the language from the City Attorney’s Good Government Guide. He said the Commission is following the advice of the City Attorney in preparing its Minutes. He said he wanted to give a [recap on the FY 11-12 Budget](#). He said there will be two meetings before the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee. He said the changes are highlighted. He said there has been a total of \$2.1million increase in the

actual revenue. He said that means we will be drawing less from the Library Preservation Fund balance. He said on the expenditure side for Personnel Services it shows a slight increase of 1%. He said most of that comes from the retiree health benefit subsidy and there were other reductions in positions. He said the overall increase is about \$567,022. He said his message to the Board of Supervisors is that we are pleased with the budget because it maintains our service levels. He said related to the budget is print notices.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, gave a [presentation on print notices](#) and the plan to reduce costs, paper use, and waste. She said one of the items in the FY 12 Budget proposal was to reduce print notices and costs for direct mail with a target annual savings of \$100,000. She said the Commission endorsed that budget in February, 2011. She said a plan was developed to implement the strategy. She said a major focus has been communications to notify patrons and staff about the change. She said Patron Assistance is and will continue to be a priority through the process. She explained the timeline for implementing the change.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a [memo](#) from the Department of Technology regarding a new program which enables all Commissions to comply with the amended Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.14C which directs that Commissions record their meetings and make the audio content available on SFGov.org. He said we are one of the Departments to move forward on this.

Jon Worona, Digital Initiatives Manager, said Meetings on Demand is up and running. He said it is effective now. He showed a demonstration of how you can access recordings of the meetings through our website. He said you can also post the minutes of the meeting on the same site.

Sue Blackman, Library Commission Secretary, said that if you click on the agenda posted with the audio streaming there are links to the various explanatory documents being discussed.

President Gomez left the meeting and Vice-President Munson took over as Chair.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the overarching issue is the abandonment of overdue notices and the budget. He said he was at the Board of Supervisors meeting of May 24 where they approved an expenditure of \$360,000 from the Library Preservation Fund's Available Fund Balance or what we call the reserve. He said this is expenditure for the City Attorney's office and he doesn't think this has been done before. He said this should have come before the Commission at least as an informational item. He said at the Ethics Commission on May 9, the Ethics Commission received a request from your library administration to change the Incompatible Activities policy, which has never been approved by you. He said the Incompatible Activities policy you approved on July

15, 2004, was never rescinded or superseded. He said Jill Bourne told the Ethics Commission that there was not enough input from the library staff and too much input from the public.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said in order to save a supposed \$100,000 a year which is less than .8% of your budget you are chopping out a core function of this library, which is getting back the books which are borrowed. He said there are many people who do not have email or computer access. He said this will hurt those who are least able to afford it. He said some people will have overdue books that they don't know about and could get in such trouble that they will never come back to the library. He said it is a major change and is shocking that the Commission has not discussed this. He said the City Attorney's memo is a shameful evasion of your responsibility to the public and without regard to any specific law. He said the amount of time and effort you are taking to avoid putting the 150 word summaries in the minutes is appalling.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said the memorandum from the City Attorney's Office is not a legal opinion and not even a well written memorandum. He said it is simply a restatement of the City Attorney's self-serving interpretation of the Sunshine Ordinance from the Good Government Guide. He said like it or not the Sunshine Ordinance is a law and the law states that the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force is the body that has the authority and responsibility for determining what the law means. He said the reason the Ordinance does not require a cross reference in the minutes is because the actual wording of the law directs that the statement "If no more than 150 words, be included in the minutes." He said it's that simple. He said this is a dance. He said he has no problem with having his comments fact checked.

Sue Cauthen said she is a member of the Sunshine Task Force. She said the Good Government Guide is just that a guide, she said it is not the law. She said she does not believe that a court of law would consider it the law.

Val Pescador said she would like to request a review for a pay hike for all your staff. She said they are the best staff and most friendly and she cannot even begin to tell this Commission how helpful they have been. She said she wants a pay hike for the maintenance people and others on the staff.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane said he didn't understand the increase in the budget for health care subsidies. He said his understanding is that there are proposals to actually reduce those numbers so he said he was hoping those numbers would go down.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the assumptions that are made are already built into the budget. He said any savings from pension or

retirement benefits would be long term. He said there are different labor groups involved in negotiations. He said the bulk of our employees are SEIU and to this point they have not been part of this conversation. He said the amount has gone up because the Controller's numbers have gone up.

Commissioner Kane asked about the allocation from the reserve that the anonymous citizen mentioned in public comment.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they are aware of litigation going on right now that involves several departments including the library regarding ADA accessibility, so Departments are required to pay their share for that. He said that is our portion. He said he would find out more about that for the Commission.

Commissioner Kane said he is all for electronic notices in all forms but he does not understand the default notification.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the default will no longer be a paper notice and they are working to make sure individuals choose the type of notice they would like to receive.

Commissioner Kane said to him the notice should be paper by default and he would rather pay extra unless the patron chooses otherwise.

Commissioner Munson said he supports Commissioner Kane's position that paper notice should be the default.

Commissioner Breyer asked about the process.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, explained the process for changing patrons over to electronic notices.

Commissioner Ono said her understanding is that as of July 1 the notices would automatically go to email or phone number and the patron would no longer receive print notices.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said it is a proactive approach to saving money by virtue of moving away from mail notices with the option to opt into the mail notices. He said we will go back and revisit this but it has been a proactive approach.

Commissioner Breyer said it is a good idea to change the vast majority of people to electronic noticing and he would commend the staff on this effort. He asked about the Sunshine Task Force's action regarding the minutes.

Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary, said the Sunshine Task Force found that the Library was not in compliance with the Sunshine Ordinance regarding the minutes and referred it to their Education and Outreach

Committee who has referred it back to the full Sunshine Ordinance Task Force to hear it again.

Commissioner Breyer said the Commission should do what the Sunshine Task Force determines with the Minutes.

Commissioner Munson said we should wait for the full determination from the Sunshine Task Force.

Commissioner Breyer said he wondered what the Commission thought of having the video of the Commission meetings available on the website. He asked about the costs to the library of making the video available on the web in addition to the audio.

Commissioner Munson asked if we could bring the discussion about the video back to the Commission at a later date.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2011

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this meeting was a joint meeting and so there should be joint minutes. He said I suppose there is some concern by the Recreation and Park Commission about having citizen summaries attached to joint minutes, but that is their problem. He said the minutes are pretty good. He said Commissioner Kane's wording for citizen summaries are not there and his nice reference to Ray Clary is also missing. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the comments he has made are incomplete and misleading. He said he was objecting to the planned plaque not having to be in or on the new library. He requested that the language be corrected. He said Library Users Association (LUA) has been one of the most active opponents of North Beach Branch demolition and supporters of renovation and that it was why it was inappropriate that Mr. Herrera's memo would leave the LUA off the list of organizations opposed to the new library. He said the email notices from the last item are very privacy threatening.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Breyer said at the bottom of page 4 it says "she" instead of "he".

Commissioner Ono said on page 5 Library Commission President Gomez said "I believe I speak for" and that should be "she believes she speaks". She said on page 3 she was confused by Mr. Warfield's remarks and would like it to read "He **objected that the planned plaque. . .**"

Commissioner Munson said he would like the word new to be inserted to Mr. Warfield's statements so that it reads "He said Mr. Herrera's memo lists a number of organizations opposed to the **new** library, but does not include the Library Users Association."

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the [Minutes of April 25, 2011](#) with corrections to the Minutes as noted by the Commissioners above.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Breyer, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2011

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said these minutes are a little more problematic. He said at the beginning of the meeting Commissioner Randlett is listed as excused, but it was announced at the meeting that she was expected. He said one cannot be expected and excused at the same time. He said the terminology used to be "asked to be excused." He said his comment under public comment is backward. He said he told the story about Commission Chin first and then the comment fund was after that. He said on page 3 it says Commissioner Breyer asked about "two last questions" but those questions were not addressed. He said on page 8 Mr. Kane had asked that going forward the 150 word summaries should be referenced by a statement "see addendum included at the end of the minutes." He said this was followed once on May 19 and never followed again. (See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association (LUA), said he talked about the Library's rewriting of history. He said the LUA was one of the active organizations in opposition to a new North Beach Library as opposed to a renovated one. He said on page 5 Commissioner Breyer asked about the use of 15 minute terminals and there was not a complete answer to his question and that was not included in the Minutes.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said he is the party to the case before the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) he would like to make sure you clearly understand what went on. He said the SOTF found the Commission in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance for not including the summary statements in the body of the minutes. He said in the determination they referenced the fact that they had found in the past that referencing them and attaching them was appropriate. He said when he challenged them they admitted that they had never had such a discussion. He said the Education and Outreach Committee said that the summaries should be included in the body of the Minutes and sent the issue back to the SOTF and that is where it stands today. He said he would like to see an open and honest discussion about this by the

Commission. He said the Brown Act is there to protect the right of the people.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Breyer said on page 4 there is a typo in the remarks of the anonymous citizen and the word “crasheds” should be changed to “crashes”.

Commissioner Kane asked about the language that was in the Minutes about the summary statements.

Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary, said the City Attorney had suggested that the language be changed to “See Addendum for a summary of this comment submitted by the speaker.”

Commissioner Kane said he supported the City Attorney’s suggestion.

Commissioner Ono said on page 2 under public comment it should say the “An anonymous citizen said” instead of “He said”.

Commissioner Munson said on page 4 there is a vertical line that should be taken out. He said on page 8 under the motion it says that the motion was seconded by Commissioner Munson and it should read “Commissioner Kane”.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the [Minutes of May 5, 2011](#) with corrections to the Minutes as noted by the Commissioners above.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Breyer, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

Vice-President Munson said Item No. 4 Bond Program Manager’s Report would be trailed to the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Breyer, seconded by Commissioner Ono to adjourn the regular meeting of June 16, 2011.

Action: AYES4-0: (Breyer, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Sue Blackman
Commission Secretary

Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the commission secretary/custodian of records, 6th 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).

ADDENDUM

These summary statements are provided by the speaker: Their contents are neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the San Francisco Public Library Commission.

Library Commission Meeting of June 16, 2011

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate & Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation

You will be happy to learn that my essay on the Community Benefit District was published by Counterpoise, a national library publication.

Your handling of the minutes is instructive. Commissioners Kane and Breyer have made suggestions that the Library Commission might be reasonable. They ran into the same stone wall that I would.

Commissioner Kane was told the Commission was following the Sunshine Task Force's recommendation, when you weren't. Commissioner Kane suggested the wording, going forward, "See Addendum in the minutes." That was followed once, and then ignored.

Regarding not following the Sunshine Task Force, Commissioner Breyer was told the Library Commission adopted this policy, when it didn't.

You resist any change that would benefit the public as a defense to your arbitrary and capricious authoritarianism.

"The lies cost more than the money."

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government: A common definition of fiduciary duty is “the legal duty of a fiduciary to act in the best interests of the beneficiary.” Despite numerous and continuous calls for a clear accounting of the funds raised by the Friends and how much of those funds actually reach the Library coffers, no such accounting has been produced. Either the Library Commission knows the exact numbers and those numbers do not reflect well on either the Friends or the Library Commission or, perhaps worse, they don’t know the exact numbers! By now, if the numbers were truly reflective of a real benefit to the Library, they would have been produced. I call for a complete and responsible accounting for all such funds, or, in the alternative for the Library Commission to admit their failure to live up to the fiduciary responsibilities they have to oversee the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

Item 2: Bernal Heights Branch Library Artwork Project

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don’t give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

This has been a long controversy. I hope you recognize that the statement of consensus was not arrived with ease or mutual cooperation. It was worked out with antagonism and adversarial confrontations. One wishes that you had recognized some of the principles before you were forced to.

There is a mural in some dilapidation that is not included and is probably not part of the library although it looks like it is.

There is a hopeful statement that fifty years from now people will honor our contribution. An essential aspect of that is that you have to honor what people did fifty years ago because they had the same hope.

I am pleased this had a happy resolution, and my thanks to all concerned.

Item 5: City Librarian’s Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don’t give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

The overarching issue is abandonment of overdue notices.

The Supervisors at their meeting of May 24, approved \$360,000 from the Library Preservation Fund's "Available Fund Balance," what we call the "reserve." While not much money, it will seem a lot when you can’t keep up Sunday hours, the

book budget, or overdue notices. It should have come before you just in terms of public notice.

On May 9, the Ethics Commission received a request from your library administration to change the Incompatible Activities policy never approved by you. The Incompatible Activities policy you approved on July 15, 2004, was never rescinded or superseded.

Jill Bourne explained that the 2004 policy had insufficient input from the library staff and too much input from the public, as if the process was not exclusive enough. The issue is public notice and due consideration.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government: The memorandum from City Attorney's Office is NOT A LEGAL OPINION! In fact, it's not even a well worded memorandum! This memo is simple a restatement of the City Attorneys self-serving interpretation of the Sunshine Ordinance from the Good Government Guide. Like it or not the Sunshine Ordinance is a law and the law states that the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force is the body that has the authority and responsibility for determining what the law means. In the tortured wording of the memorandum: "While not the Sunshine Ordinance does not require the cross reference, it will facilitate public access to written summaries of comments." The reason the ordinance does not require the cross reference is because the actual wording of the law, appearing earlier in the same memorandum, directs that the statements "If no more than 150 words, be included in the minutes." It's that simple!

Item 7: Approval of the Minutes (April 25, 2011)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate and Ignorance – Don't give money to, or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

This was the joint meeting with the Recreation and Park Commission and there should be joint minutes. There is a caveat that this is only showing library commission actions. I don't know what rationalization that could have. I suppose there is some concern by the Recreation and Park Commission about having citizen summaries attached to joint minutes, but that is their problem.

The minutes are pretty good. The request of Commissioner Kane that the wording for citizen summaries "See addendum included in the minutes" is no longer there.

My nice reference to Ray Clary is also missing, but otherwise not so bad.

Item 8: Approval of the Minutes (May 5, 2011)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate and Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Commissioner Randlett is listed as excused, but it was announced that she was expected. One cannot be expected and excused at the same time. The terminology used to be “asked to be excused.”

The comment of the anonymous citizen is backwards. The story about Commissioner Chin saying “shut up” was first and the dismissive purposes of the public comment fund was after that.

Page 3 states that Commissioner Breyer asked about the “last two questions.” What two questions? This is an example of Mr. Breyer not getting an answer. He asked about pornography visible to school children, not censorship on the terminals.

Page 8 is where Commissioner Kane asked that going forward the wording for reference to the citizen summaries should be “see addendum included at the end of the minutes.” This was followed once on May 19, and not again.