

**OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC)  
MINUTES – July 26, 2004  
Cesar Chavez Branch Library**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Scott called the LAC meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Tracey Scott, Victoria Kelly, Arthur Noble, Deborah Eudaley, and Genevieve Katz.

Commissioners Excused: Evelyn Wesley, Sharon Crandall, Beatrice Wong, Marian Wilson-Sylvestre.

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Director Martínez, Gene Tom, Gerry Garzón, Julie Odofoin, Leslie Rodd, and Rosalía Arteaga-Romo (recorder).

**Disposition of Minutes**

Commissioner Eudaley made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2004 as recorded.

Commissioner Katz seconded the motion and all commissioners present approved the minutes.

**II. REPORTS**

**a. Chairperson's Report**

Chairperson Scott did not have a report.

**b. Commissioners Advocacy Report**

**c. Director's Report**

- Welcomed and acknowledged Administrative Staff for their hard work in planning this branch, especially Julie Odofoin.
- Council approved the City budget on May 29, 2004. There were no changes to the Library's budget.
- As a result of the passage of Measure Q, the Library will kick-off the new expanded hours for the branches, starting September 11, 2004.
- Staff is working on a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Library's new Integrated Library System (catalog).
- Julie Odofoin welcomed commissioners to the new Chavez Branch. She reported that the new Bookmobile is almost ready to start service sometime in mid-October, and we plan to have it displayed at the Art & Soul Festival weekend on September 4-5. The Bookmobile makes about 55 stops per month. Staff leased parking for it at the Port of Oakland.
- Staff is looking at a renovation of the Martin Luther King Branch in the future.

- Leslie Rodd reported that the renovation for the Children's Room has started; the Literacy Program is about to move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the West Oakland Community Center (1801 Adeline St.) on August 15; staff received an estimate for the Teen Zone renovation; approximately 9,000 children signed-up last year for the Summer Reading program.
- Master Plan Update. Gerry Garzón reported that Council staff was briefed on the Master Plan; we are training people for the outreach program to conduct presentations to the community and get feedback on the Draft Master Plan.
- Director Martínez added that the Public Relations staff is doing great work of putting the OPL in the public eye by way of more newspaper articles; developed a new flyer for the Oakland History Room; and is also planning to do a big piece promoting the Library's Prop 14 application efforts.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Advocacy for Proposition 14**

- Commissioner Katz reported that she spoke to Council member Quan and asked her to send letters in support of the Library's application to the State Library.
- Chairperson Scott reported that Commissioners Katz and Sylvestre drafted a letter on behalf of the Library Commission to the State Librarian.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS – No New Business**

### **V. AGENDA BUILDING**

### **VI. OPEN FORUM**

- Lottie Rose expressed concern regarding the Computer Lab at the Golden Gate Branch. Director Martínez replied that staff has responded to these concerns in a letter to Council member Jane Brunner.
- Sanjiv Handa addressed the Commission on a few concerns.

### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Kelly announced that her term is about to expire but she'd continue serving on the Commission until a replacement is appointed. The Commission should start thinking of a new vice-chair and find a teen representative. Commissioner Eudaley suggested posting an announcement in the Teen Zone for a youth representative.

Meting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carmen Martínez  
Library Director