

**OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC)
MINUTES – October 25, 2004
Asian Branch Library**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Scott called the LAC meeting to order at 5:15 p.m., following a tour of the Branch by Branch Librarian Marjorie Li

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tracey Scott, Arthur Noble, Beatrice Wong, Genevieve Katz, and Evelyn Wesley.

Commissioners Excused: Deborah Eudaley and Sharon Crandall,

Commissioners Absent:

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

Disposition of Minutes

Commissioner Wesley made a motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2004 as recorded. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion and all commissioners present approved the minutes.

II. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report - None

b. Director's Report

- ❖ The Library has been busy interviewing and hiring for the positions of Librarian I and Supervising Librarian.
- ❖ Work has started in preparation for the new 2-year budget. There will be a Council Budget Retreat on November 29. The Council's main goal is for improvement of infrastructure. Libraries were mentioned in this goal.
- ❖ The Fire Chief, Police Chief and the Treasury Director have resigned and/or retired.
- ❖ We continue holding the Speakers Bureau series as part of the Master Plan process. We have received good feedback on these presentations.
- ❖ Dr. K. M. Tan is the new president for the Library Foundation. Director has been working w/the Foundation on ideas for fundraising events.

Administrators Reports

- ❖ **Master Plan.** Gerry Garzón reported that staff gave an update to the Council's Life Enrichment Committee on the Master Plan. We received good and enthusiastic feedback from council members, and they are interested in the libraries in their districts. So far we've done 34 community presentations; our target is 64. On November 29/30 staff will be going to Sacramento to appear before the State's Library Construction Bond Board hearing. This hearing is designed as a public hearing, and presents an opportunity for Libraries with

Proposition 14 applications to bring officials and supporters to Sacramento to show support for their projects.

- ❖ **Branch Division.** Julie Odofin reported that staff is working on enhancement projects at King, Elmhurst, and Asian branch libraries.
- ❖ **Program Administration.** Leslie Rodd reported that the Literacy Program obtained awards for some of their students.
- ❖ Library staff members also received scholarship awards from the State Library.
- ❖ 9,585 kids participated in the Summer Reading program.
- ❖ The Library is presenting a series of programs about the 60's hosted by Bill Wong.
- ❖ Received a grant for Hindi-Punjabi language materials.
- ❖ The Teen Info Forum is one of the many staff development workshops offered by experts on teen related issues.

c. **Commissioners Advocacy Report**

Commissioner Katz gave a report on the CALTAC workshop held at Cerritos Library. This is an impressive new library and she provided a hand out of her presentation. See attached.

III. OLD BUSINESS – None

IV. NEW BUSINESS – None

V. AGENDA BUILDING

VI. OPEN FORUM

- ❖ There were public comments from Sanjiv Handa.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ The Commission agreed to reschedule the November 29 meeting to November 22. The meeting will be held at the West Oakland Branch Library to allow commissioner to tour the new offices of the 2nd Start Literacy Program, as well as the Branch and Bookmobile.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carmen Martínez
Library Director