

**OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC)
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 22, 2004
Second Start Literacy Offices**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Scott called the LAC meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. after a tour of the Second Start Literacy Offices by Joyce Wong, Literacy Program Coordinator

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Excused: Beatrice Wong, Deborah Eudaley, Sharon Crandall, and Bridget Barrigan.

Commissioners Absent:

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

Disposition of Minutes

Due to a lack of a quorum, the approval of the minutes for October 25, 2004, was tabled for the next meeting.

II. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report

None

b. Director's Report

- ❖ Reported that the Library's Proposition 14 grant application was accepted into the final selection phase with an outstanding rating. There will be a public hearing on November 29 in Sacramento when the Library Construction Board will make the final decision and select the award grantees.
- ❖ Leslie Rodd, Administrative Librarian for Programs and Grants, received the first California Library Association Outstanding Librarian in Support of Literacy Award. We are evaluating our budget for the Literacy Program and looking at ways to enhance this valuable service.
- ❖ The "Beautiful Oakland" campaign reached out to our Main Library in the form of Girl Scout Troop 1422, affiliated with Wildwood School in Piedmont, who planted 200 daffodil bulbs around the Main.
- ❖ The Library will host its Holiday Party on December 10th at the Chávez Branch Library and commissioners are welcome to join us.

c. Administrators' Report

- ❖ Julie Odofoin reported that Marjorie Li was appointed to fill the Supervising Librarian position in the Branch Services Division.
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- ❖ Leslie Rodd reported on the various applications for grants and actual grants awarded. A couple are still pending. Staff will give a progress report on these grants periodically. Commissioners may be asked to provide letters of support, and also notify staff if there are other grants/funding sources that we may not be aware of.

d. Commissioners Advocacy Report

- ❖ Commissioner Katz read an article regarding library offenders going to jail (in Michigan).
- ❖ Chairperson Scott asked whether there is any organized support movement to help in regards to the closing of the libraries in the City of Salinas. Staff has not heard of anything going on. The Salinas City Council voted to close its library system due to budget constraints.
- ❖ Chairperson Scott would like the Commission to start thinking about a retreat, and a possible planning session either in January or February.

III. OLD BUSINESS - None

IV. NEW BUSINESS - None

V. AGENDA BUILDING

VI. OPEN FORUM

Sanjiv Handa addressed the Commission.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Second Start Literacy Program Fundraiser on December 11th
- ❖ Holiday Recess – no meeting during the month of December.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carmen Martínez
Library Director