

**OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC)  
MINUTES – May 23, 2005  
Dimond 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, Bridget Berrigan, Genevieve Katz, Arthur Noble, Beatrice Wong, Sharon Crandall

Commissioners Excused: Evelyn Wesley, Deborah Eudaley, Marian Sylvestre.

Commissioners Absent:

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

**Disposition of Minutes**

Commissioner Berrigan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2005 as recorded. Commissioner Katz seconded. All commissioners present approved and adopted the minutes.

**II. REPORTS**

**a. Chairperson's Report**

None.

**b. Director's Report**

- Director Martínez acknowledged Commissioner Berrigan for representing the Library on the BALIS System Advisory Board (SAB), and attending a joint meeting for the BALIS Council and SAB.
- The Friends of the OPL held a Bookfest event featuring 3 local authors. It was a fabulous program.
- There are plans for another State Bond Campaign in 2006, and Librarians statewide will be doing a lot of fundraising to support this campaign, which will benefit all libraries in California.
- Budget Update. The first budget hearing took place on May 17<sup>th</sup>, with the City Administrator presenting an overview to Council. One of the concerns voiced was the staff reduction in the Literacy program. Other comments included the feasibility of closing and selling the Henry J. Kaiser Auditorium, or turning it into the new Main Library. Council member Jean Quan supports this idea. The next budget hearing is May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- AAMLO has a new exhibit called "Liberty on the Border" from June 11 – September 10.

**c. Administrators' Report**

**Program Division -** Gerry Garzón reported:

- Staff is seeking Council approval to enter into a contract with Innovative Interfaces for the new computer catalog system. We hope Council will finalize approval by the end of June.

- With support from a Friends of the OPL grant, the Main Library upgraded the public access.

**Branch Division** – Julie Odofin reported:

- Circulation at the branches has increased thanks to the new Hot Picks/DVD's collections.
- Staff just finished the interviews for the Library Assistant and Children's Librarian position.
- There was an incident regarding a meeting that was to be held after hours at the Temescal Branch. The organizers released a very inflammatory flyer advertising the meeting, but failed to put a disclaimer stating that the OPL is not advocating for this cause or event. The meeting was rescheduled after clarifying to the organizers that they needed to comply with the Library's meeting room regulations.
- Ms. Odofin participated in the selection panel for a vendor for the permanent exhibit at AAMLO.

**d. Commissioners Advocacy Report**

- Commissioner Berrigan attended her first BALIS/SAB meeting held at the new Livermore Public Library.
- Commissioner Wong announced that the Friends of the Asian Library (FAL) have rescheduled their annual dinner/fundraiser for sometime in October. The FAL Board recently donated \$5,000 towards the purchase of a self-check out machine.

**III. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**V. AGENDA BUILDING**

**VI. OPEN FORUM – No public comments**

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Director Martínez distributed copies of a new OPL calendar developed by 2 outreach librarians. The calendar focuses on getting children ready for reading and for kindergarden. Director Martínez gave kudos to staff for this outstanding product.
- The June LAC meeting has been moved a week earlier - - June 20<sup>th</sup> - - due to staff attendance at the American Library Association Conference in Chicago.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carmen Martínez, Library Director