

**OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC)  
MINUTES – MAY 22, 2006  
Main Library West Auditorium**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Scott called the LAC meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Tracey Scott, Bridget Berrigan, Muhammad Alabi, Arthur Noble, Beatrice Wong, and Genevieve Katz.

Commissioners Excused: Evelyn Wesley.

Commissioners Absent: Sharon Crandall, Marion Sylvestre.

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

**Disposition of Minutes**

Commissioner Berrigan made a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2006 as amended. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. All commissioners present approved the minutes.

**II. REPORTS**

**a. Chairperson's Report**

None

**b. Director's Report**

- **Budget Update.** City Council will be holding public hearings on the City's Mid-Year Budget review. The dates are May 25, 30, and June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Library received a money donation for the PASS Program, which will supplement PASS' Measure Q funding. The governor put back \$7 million into the Public Library Fund (PLF) budget.
- **Legislative Day.** Staff and library supporters attended the Annual Legislative Day in Sacramento. The OPL delegation – staff, FOPL, LAC and YLC members – lobbied for more PLF funding, continued TBR reimbursements, and voiced support for Proposition 81. Staff now will debrief and prepare for the Day in the District in January.
- **National Library Week.** OPL held a wonderful program featuring author Isabel Allende. Also, BALIS sponsored bus benches, and movie trailers promoting Nat'l Library Week.
- **81<sup>st</sup> Ave Project Fundraising.** Leslie Rodd developed a brochure for use in the funding campaign for this library.



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**c. Administrators' Report****Policy & Strategic Report – no report.****Public Services Update**

- **Master Plan.** Gerry Garzón reported that staff is finishing the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Master Plan and as promised, taking it back to the community for their feedback. The results will be presented to City Council, along with the Master Plan report, for their approval.
- **Open Houses.** Staff will be conducting public sessions to make sure we get all the input from the community regarding the Master Plan. The next step would be to present the report and our recommendations to Council for a Bond Measure on the November ballot for a new Main Library, and for improvements, or expansions to every branch library in the city.
- **81<sup>st</sup> Ave. Project.** Mr. Garzón presented a mock model of the 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. Library. Both Library and school staffs are very excited about the design of the new library.

**d. Commissioners Advocacy Report**

- Chairperson Scott asked commissioners to attend the open houses at the various branch libraries. Commissioners agreed to attend the session in their areas and support staff in this effort.
- Commissioner Katz reviewed and talked about several newspaper articles regarding Proposition 81 Bond Measure.
- Commissioner Berrigan attended the BALIS/SAB meeting. The group selected a date in July for a workshop. Also, Richmond Public Library is joining BALIS.
- Commissioner Wong reported that the Friends of the Asian Library held their Annual Fundraiser Lunch to benefit the Asian Branch.
- The Asian Branch celebrated its 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary event which was a success and was well attended. Branch Manager Li raised money from the community for this event.
- Also, Commissioner Wong was the recipient of the Mother of the Year Award.
- Chairperson Scott remarked that the National Library Week was a great event. KTOP taped the presentation and Ms. Scott asked whether the Library could get KTOP to re-broadcast it. She also attended the Legislative Day, briefly as she got sick, but was glad to see the Library's Youth Leadership Council members attend the session.

**III. OLD BUSINESS - None****IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairperson Scott confirmed the dates for the remainder of the year's Commission meetings: July 31<sup>st</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 20<sup>th</sup> (before Thanksgiving).

**V. AGENDA BUILDING**

## **VI. OPEN FORUM**

Tam Hedge noted that the League of Women’s Voters supports Prop 81<sup>st</sup>. Also, LLAD, the Lighting and Landscaping Assessment District Measure is not polling well with voters because it is “another” tax.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Teen Zone held a Manga Anime event with lots of activities. Staff did a great job in putting together this well attended event.
- Director Martínez attended the State Library Forum for Public Libraries. The forum concentrated on merchandising and customer service, and Ms. Martínez will elaborate on this topic at the next meeting.

Meting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

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