

**OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (LAC)  
MINUTES – JULY 31, 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: Genevieve Katz, Muhammad Alabi, Arthur Noble, Beatrice Wong, and Tracey Scott.

Commissioners Excused: Bridget Berrigan, Evelyn Wesley, Sharon Crandall, and Marion Sylvestre.

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Director Martínez, Gene Tom, and Rosalía Arteaga-Romo (recorder).

Guests: Ernest Chang.

**Disposition of Minutes**

Commissioner Wong made a motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2006 as recorded.

Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. All commissioners present approved the minutes.

**II. REPORTS**

**a. Chairperson's Report**

None

**b. Director's Report**

- **Bond Measure.** On July 18, 2006, staff presented to City Council a report and ordinance for their approval, to submit to the voters on November 7, 2006, a Ballot Measure with the purpose of issuing a General Obligation Bond dedicated to library facility improvements, expansion, repairs, and new construction. Council voted to approve the \$148 million option for various improvements/construction for branch libraries, and to move the Main Library to a renovated Kaiser Convention Center. Gene Tom, Chief Financial Officer, explained how the Bond numbers/ figures work and how long the tax parcel would apply. Director Martínez thanked all the people who participated and supported staff during this presentation. Measure N Committee is formed and is talking to political consultants to strategize the next steps.
- **Library Network Upgraded.** The Library Computer/IT staff did an awesome job in completing the internet system upgrade at all the Branches and Main Library. Next step will be the Integrated Library System (ILS) implementation. Staff is undergoing training and we expect the new system to take off in about 8 months.

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

**Budget Update.** Gene Tom reported that there were fairly minor changes to the Library's, mid-year budget review. The biggest change was the funding of 6 PASS sites at various branch libraries using Measure Q funds, and a cost of living adjustment for the OPL budget. Should there be a change, he'll prepare a year-end close status report for review at the next meeting.

**d. Commissioners Advocacy Report**

- Commissioner Katz reported that the Friends of the OPL (FOPL) will have their annual book sale on October 4-8.
- The City's Neighborhood Night Out is August 1<sup>st</sup>., an opportunity for commissioners to attend their neighborhood party to talk about the Library.
- Commissioner Wong reported that a Chinese newspaper donated \$1,000 to the Asian Branch. She mentioned that Ernest Chang, who's attended tonight's LAC meeting, is involved in the Friends of the Asian Library and other community groups.
- The Friends of the Asian Library applied and obtained a grant from Pacific Bell in the amount of \$7,000 to support the computer lab at Asian Branch.

**III. OLD BUSINESS - None****IV. NEW BUSINESS****V. AGENDA BUILDING****VI. OPEN FORUM**

- Ernest Chang addressed the Commission and asked whether the Library could build-“up” on the current site if the Bond Measure does not pass? Ms. Martínez replied that it would be too costly to expand this building; also, this is a landmark and it would bring a lot of opposition.
- Chairperson Scott thanked all those who helped support the Library during its Council presentation.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Carmen Martínez  
Library Director